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Life's Journeys

Elder's Arapaho roots run deep

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

One might say, if judging by appearances only, Hazel Andersen Burge is not of any Arapaho lineage. But her roots run deeper than her bloodline.

"I am one-sixteenth Arapaho and proud of it. I am very proud of my Indian heritage," Hazel said politely.

Hazel, 92, relatively small in size, with fair-hair and skin rests her body as she sits down at her kitchen table to look over documents dated as far back as 1892.

"I really don't have much memory of my childhood growing up in Calumet, but I do have some history written here on paper shared by my family and my grandmother, Josephine Keith Shields," Hazel said.

Hazel said she was a descendant of Snake Woman and Snake Woman's daughter, Mary, who were four Southern Arapaho women that escaped with their lives in 1864 during the Sand Creek Massacre.

Hazel was born in 1919 to Hattie Shields and Ludvig (Louie) Andersen in a home on her family's allotment surrounded by grass-covered plains in Calumet, Okla.

"My grandmother Josephine, is the daughter of Ben Keith and Mary Poisall," Hazel said as she shuffled the papers with her mature hands. "Mary is the daughter of Snake Woman."

When asked if she could remember anything about growing up in Calumet she said, "Oh, I liked to play games. I was real good at jacks. As kids we would also play games like, Annie Over and Blind Man's Bluff. It is hard to recall memories of when I was a little girl at my age."

Hazel began searching for specific documents among the pile of papers when she exclaimed, "Here it is!" She held up a piece of paper that lay inside of a clear presentation folder. Titled on the piece of paper was "Peter Shield Family", Peter being Josephine's husband. In the last paragraph it stated, "*Josephine was a quarter Arapaho and part French Canadian. Her own family, the Keiths, the Poisalls, her grandparents name and Shields, were three early names associated with Eastern Canadian County land west of El Reno, Okla. that was later assigned with one-quarter sections being allotted to Peter Jr., Hattie, Dora, Matilda and William Shields. The old Calumet grade school was one and half miles away so most of the children attended after the move.*"

"Hattie is my mom and she married my father, Louie Andersen. My mom lived her entire life on her allotment and died in 1966," Hazel said. "I am the only one still living. My mom was one-eighth Arapaho and my grandmother, Josephine was one-quarter Arapaho."

Sliding another document across the tabletop she said, "Here is my grandmother's obituary. She and my grandfather were ran out of Colorado along with their parents," Hazel said.

The document was a news clipping from the *Daily Oklahoman* dated 1942 that read, in part, "*Josephine died at the age of 81. She was born in Denver on June 12, 1861. Her father was Ben Keith, who held one of the four Indian allotments in Canadian county east of the 98 Meridian, her mother was Mary Poisall, sister of the Poisall brothers who operated for two decades before opening the Poisall ranch with the ranch house located about a mile north of the present site of Banner. Josephine came to Darlington with her parents from Denver at the time the Cheyenne and Arapaho agency was established in 1869. The Poisall ranch house was built in 1872 or 1873, the first in that part of the country, the Keith and Shields homes were built soon after.*"

"There is so much of my Indian family history here in these documents," Hazel smiled.

Among the pile of papers was an interview of Hazel's uncle, Albert W. Keith, (Josephine's brother). The interview was with Anna R. Barry on July 18, 1937. As told by Albert, his family was another mixed blood family, one, which bore the Creole-French name Poisall. The direct ancestor of this family was Jules Poisall, a young Creole-Frenchman of St. Louis who was a member of General William H. Ashley's party of trappers and traders that went to Colorado in 1824. A year or two later Jules Poisall became a naturalized citizen of the wilderness by marring to his wife, a young woman of the Blackfoot Indian tribe whom he found living with the Arapaho Indians. She was known as Mrs. Adams, it is assumed that Mrs. Adam's Indian name was Snake Woman, an interpreter for the Arapaho tribe, at the Medicine Lodge Peace Council.

In Albert's written interview, Albert stated that his grandmother, Snake Woman spoke of the Medicine Lodge Peace Council, and that it was held in the valley of the Medicine Lodge River, in southern Kansas, just a few miles from the Oklahoma border during October of 1867.

In went on to read, in part, "*It was a notable assembly. Most of the leaders of the principal tribes*

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Hazel Andersen Burge

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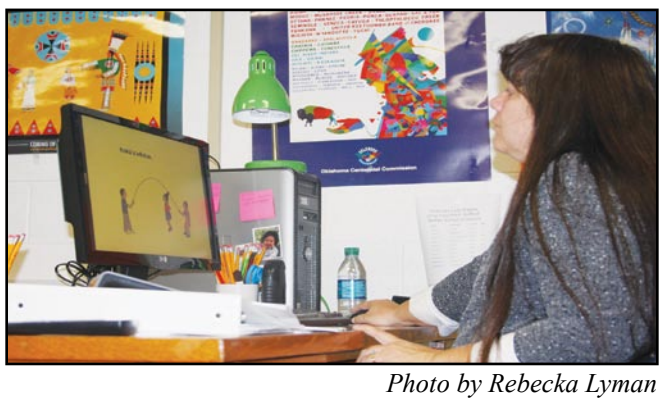

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Hollie Youngbear, assistant teacher for the Cheyenne Language class at Watonga High School.

C-A tribes receive grant for unique language project

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' receive notification of grant funding for the Living Language Project (LLP), the first of its kind in Cheyenne and Arapaho country.

The Administration of Native Americans issued the grant in the amount of $374,563 that will fund the LLP.

The project will address the following areas, lack of certified teachers, functionally fluent parents and grandparents and curriculum that prevents the next generation from becoming Cheyenne language and Arapaho language speakers.

The project will address these problem areas in two ways. The first will be during the 36 month project, two levels of multimedia Cheyenne language and Arapaho language high school curriculums and teacher guides will be used to train five Cheyenne and five Arapaho language teachers, who will be certified by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Language Program to teach both languages to high school students. The second is the participation of 60 teachers, parents and grandparents of elementary school children in a minimum of 100 hours of Cheyenne and Arapaho

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Clinton bank official remains free pending trial

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Berry Sewell, a bank official with First Bank and Trust Company in Clinton, Okla., waives his rights to a preliminary hearing for two felony counts filed in the aftermath of a serious automobile accident on Dec. 13, 2012.

Special District Judge Donna Dirickson scheduled Sewell's formal arraignment for 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 7, 2013. She continued his bond at $35,000 for each case.

Sewell has remained free since the accident, immediately posting bond on April 3, 2013 when the first charge, causing a personal injury accident resulting in great bodily injury while under the influence of alcohol and/or intoxicating substances, was filed and more bond on May 10, 2013 when a second charge of attempting to bribe an officer was brought against him.

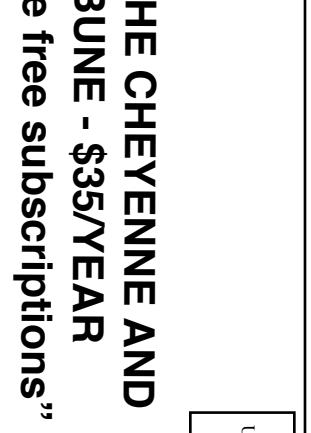
Sewell, who works for the First Bank and Trust Company, (the same bank that currently holds $6.4 million in frozen funds of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes) remains working at the bank.

Sewell was allegedly driving a 2011 BMW that struck a 1998 Ford pickup he was trying to pass at 6:45 p.m. on Dec. 13, 2012, one mile west of Weatherford. The pickup driver and his passenger, Les and Sherry Crall of Weatherford, Okla., were severely injured as it went out of control and rolled 2-1/2 times and came to rest on its top.

Dr. Les Crall is an associate dean and a professor in the School of /Business at Southwestern Oklahoma State University while his wife was Weatherford's city attorney at the time of the accident.

An affidavit by Trooper Villines, said blood was drawn from Sewell at the accident scene by Latasha Graybill, a registered nurse from Clinton who stopped to see if she could be of assistance. He said OSBI tests showed Sewell's blood alcohol level to be .18, more than twice the legal level for drunkenness in Oklahoma. He said it also showed evidence of Diazepam and Nordiazepam, two types of medicinal drugs.

The bribery charge was filed after Agent Steve Tanio of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations listened to an audio recording of a conversation between Sewell and Trooper Chris Newcomb following the accident while sitting in Villines' patrol car. The recording came from a recorder that runs continuously in an officer's patrol car and was made without the defendant's knowledge, at least until he become suspicious and asked if the conversation was being recorded. Tanio alleges that Sewell offered Newcomb, who was described as a "social friend," money if he would help get him (Sewell) "out of it." Newcomb did not accept the offer.



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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes joins campaign

ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD WRECK IT ALL

Concho, OK- In an effort to make the roads safer, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Transportation Program announced today that they have joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "One Text or Call Could Wreck It All" campaign to stop distracted driving. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Transportation Program has pledged their support to help spread the message that distracted drivers are not only a danger to themselves, but everyone else on the road.

"We all know that talking on our cell phones while driving is distracting, but that doesn't stop most people from continuing to do it," Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell, Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, said. "This effort is intended to educate our community about the dangers of cell phone use and other distractions while driving. We hope that once people see the statistics and realize the danger involved, they will change their driving habits to help protect themselves, their families, and others on the road."

In 2010, 3,092 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver and an estimated additional 416,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. That same year, 11 percent of fatal crashes were reported as distraction-affected crashes.

While anything that takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, or mind off the task of driving is a hazard, there is heightened concern about the risks of texting while driving because it combines all three types of distraction, visual, manual and cognitive.

The national distracted driving effort focuses on ways to change the behavior of drivers through legislation, enforcement, public awareness and education, the same activities that have curbed drunk driving and increased seat belt use.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' campaign will encourage tribal members to sign a Distracted Driving Pledge of Commitment in an effort to encourage tribal members to not text while driving. The Tribal Transportation Program hopes to partner with other tribal programs to further expand the campaign to rural tribal communities.

"Every driver in our tribal communities has a role in this effort," Angela Blind, Transportation director, said. "However, we especially want to reach out to parents with teen drivers, because we know that statistically, the under-20 age group had the highest proportion of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes."

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' goal with this campaign is simple, save lives by getting drivers to remember that "One Text or Call Could Wreck It All."

"Distracted driving is an epidemic on America's roadways, and we're doing our part to help put an end to it," Ray LaHood, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, said. "Texting and cell phone use while driving is extremely dangerous, and we know simply getting drivers to turn their phones off when they get behind the wheel will make our roads significantly safer. Efforts like this one will help us put an end to distracted driving, and we encourage your support of this program to help save lives in your community."

At the upcoming annual Tribal Council Meeting, staff of the Tribal Transportation program will be asking tribal members to take the Pledge of Commitment to end distracted driving at their booth as part of this campaign. In exchange for each individual pledge, the pledger's name will be entered into a drawing for various prizes and rewards to be drawn at the end of the meeting.

"We hope to continue our efforts by reaching out into other Cheyenne and Arapaho communities within the tribes' service areas. This campaign is one of many initiatives the Tribal Transportation Program plans to incorporate into its Transportation Safety Plan. The Tribal Transportation Program's goal is to gain support and momentum through tribal input into the Transportation Safety Plan through community meetings and events in the near future," Blind said.

For more information about distracted driving, please visit www.distraction.gov, or you can contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Transportation Program at (405)-422-7432.

Clinton Indian Health Center to host HIV/ Aids Awareness 5K and health event

Clinton, OK-On Oct. 25, 2013 the Clinton Indian Health Center, 10321 N 2274 Rd. Clinton, Okla., will be hosting a big event, the day will consist of many fun and educational health related activities.

An HIV/Aids Awareness 5K timed race and 1 mile fun run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. These events are free to the public with awards and t-shirts provided. Educational materials and healthcare professionals will be on site to answer questions. Prevention is the key.

The Custer County Sheriff's Department will be available from 10 a.m.to 2 p.m. to collect any unwanted, unused, or expired medications which need disposal. This initiative enables our communities the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding our homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. In September, 2012 Americans turned in 244 tons of prescription drugs at over 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash both pose potential safety and health hazards.

A flu shot clinic will also be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nurses and trained pharmacists will be available to administer free flu shots to any Native American and their household contacts who have not received their yearly flu shot.

Affordable Care Act informational booth will be set up with trained professionals available to provide literature and answers to your questions regarding the Affordable Care Act.

A concession stand will be provided with the proceeds going to support youth Powwow activities.

Other organizations interested in possibly providing a booth may contact Jamie Shaddon at (580) 214-1309 or (580) 331-3351.

The mission of the Clinton Indian Health Center is to promote a culture that supports and develops caring, compassionate and competent healthcare.

Meet the Candidate

Candidate for Cheyenne District 2 Legislator, Ramona Tallbear

My name is Ramona Tall Bear, Legislative candidate for Cheyenne District 2. I'd like to introduce myself and ask for your support in electing me as your representative of the Kingfisher, Calumet and El Reno areas.

I am full blood Cheyenne. My parents are William Delos Tall Bear Sr., living in El Reno and my mother is Lucille Drunkard from Deer Creek.

I have worked for the Legislature since 2007 when I became the Budget Analyst, until early 2010 when I took off a year to concentrate on my family. I came back to work for the Legislature in late 2011, serving as Legislative Clerk and Budget Analyst. Prior to that, I worked for the tribes as Economic Development coordinator in 2006, as the Accountant responsible for payments to Elders and Crisis in 2005 and as Controller soon out of college in the early 1990s. I have also worked for other tribes throughout Oklahoma as an accountant.

I believe these experiences have given me a good understanding of Tribal governmental functions. Working with the Legislature I have seen the new Constitution work for our people, and know the many trials we have gone through in this process. I am saddened by the division that has been caused by it and know many items need to be amended. We have all become knowledgeable of the flaws and would work with my constituents in getting this done.

I have worked with the first through fourth Legislature in passing many important Acts, Resolutions, Confirmations and Codes. I know the importance of written laws in this Tribal Government and would work to get additional Bills passed which would lay the groundwork for a stronger and more effective government, which would benefit our people.

My degree in accounting has also given me a strong understanding of the fiscal responsibilities our government leaders must adhere to. I believe our tribal revenues, from all sources, should be spent according to the Constitution and in the best interests of the people.

I know the importance of our traditional ways and know these ways are strong in us. The tribal government must be different than the traditional government but should share the values of openness, communication and community decision-making.

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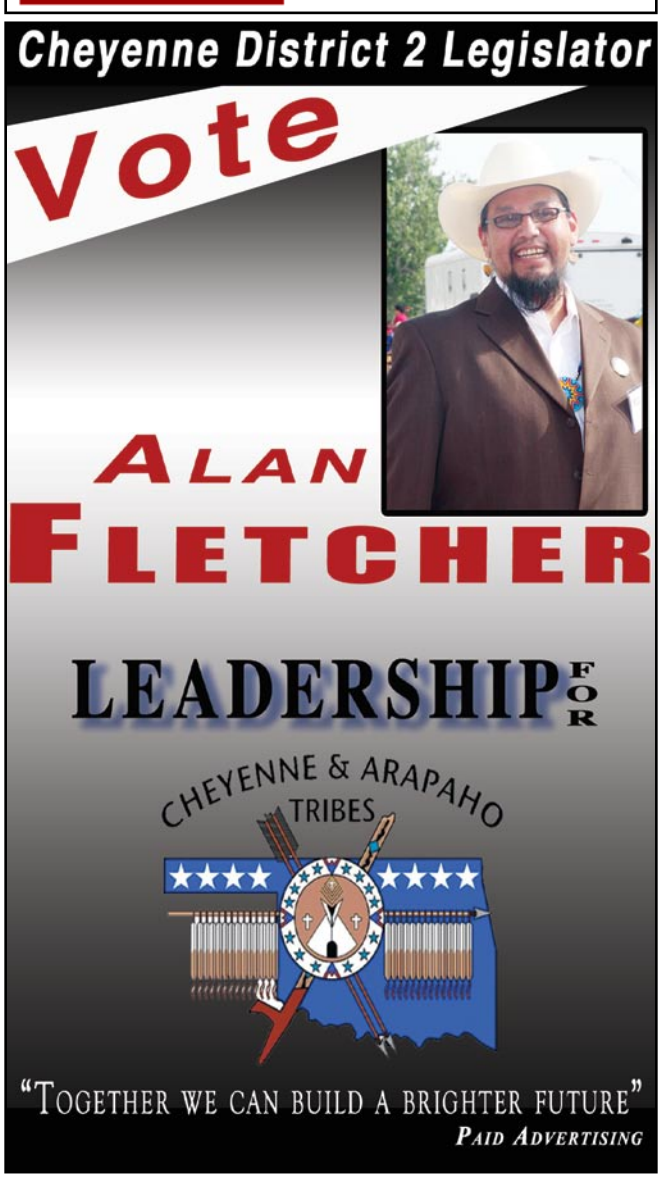

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October 8, 2013
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October 8, 2013
The Election Commission counts the ballots after the polls close.

October 9, 2013
Preliminary results of the Primary Election are posted by 9 a.m.

October 10, 2013
Deadline to file a request for a recount-No later than 9 a.m.

(Within 24 hours of the time the preliminary results of the Primary Election are posted).

October 10, 2013
Deadline to file written challenges to the preliminary results of the Primary Election-No later than 9 a.m.

October 14, 2013
Deadline for the Election Commission to render a decision on any challenges filed to the preliminary results of the Primary Election—No later than 9 a.m.; Primary Elections results are certified and final results of the Primary Election are posted.

October 15, 2013
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November 5, 2013
General Election day-Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

November 5, 2013
Absentee Ballots must be returned by mail to the Concho, Oklahoma, Post Office no later than 3 p.m. to be counted.

November 5, 2013
Election Commission counts the ballots after the polls close.

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Each poll site will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Watonga Public Library, Watonga, Okla., located at 301 N Prouty Street, Watonga.

Canton Community Hall, Canton, Okla., located at 207 N Jefferson, Canton.

Seiling Indian Community Center, Seiling, Okla., located at 411 N Main Street, Seiling.

The C-2 and A-2 Poll sites:

Concho Community Hall, Concho, Okla., located at 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho.

Geary Community Hall, Geary, Okla., located at 132 E Main Street, Geary.

Show Barn at the Fairgrounds Kingfisher, Okla., located at 300 Block of South 13th Street, Kingfisher.

The C-3 and A-3 Poll Sites:

Clinton Community Hall, Clinton, Okla., located at 2015 Dog Patch Road, Clinton.

Liberty Church, Weatherford, Okla., located at 109 West Franklin Street, Weatherford.

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Obama nominates Native American woman to federal court

By Rob Capriccioso, Indian Country Today Media Network

Responding to widespread requests from tribal leaders and Indian legal advocates, President Barack Obama has nominated a Native American to serve on the federal bench.

The president announced Sept. 19, 2013 that Diane J. Humetewa is a nominee for the U.S. District Court for Arizona. She is a Hopi citizen, and from 2002 to 2007 she served as an appellate court judge for the Hopi Tribe Appellate Court.

Obama has previously nominated one tribal citizen to serve on the federal bench, Arvo Mikkanen, of the Kiowa Tribe, but Republican senators successfully blocked that nomination during the president's first term. Oklahoma's senators in particular expressed frustration that the administration did not consult with them on the nomination, but they would not say specifically what their problem with Mikkanen was at the time. The administration pushed back, with White House officials laying full blame with Senate Republicans, saying it was part of their overall plan to thwart the president.

If Mikkanen would have been confirmed, he would have been the only American Indian to serve on the federal bench, out of a total of 875 federal judgeships, and he would have been only the third Native American in history to secure a federal judgeship.

If Humetewa can pass muster with the Senate Judicial Committee and Arizona's senators, then she will have the distinction of being the first Native American appointed and confirmed to the federal bench by Obama. It is already known that she has a strong ally in U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Arizona) who previously recommended her for a U.S. attorney position during George W. Bush's second term.

Indian affairs experts had been pressuring the president to make another Native American federal judgeship appointment – several more, in fact – citing the large number of Indian law cases heard in federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court's tendency not to understand tribal law.

Jack Trope, executive director of the Association on American Indian Affairs, told Indian Country Today Media Network earlier this month that getting more Indians appointed to the federal bench during Obama's second term was a top priority for a range of tribal advocates.

"We just have to hope the administration goes through the process of consulting the appropriate senators," Trope said. "We don't want another situation like what happened with [Mikkanen]."

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, a law dean at the University of New Mexico before joining the administration last year, expressed optimism on learning of the selection.

"Diane Humetewa will make an excellent judge," said Washburn, a Chickasaw Nation citizen. "She was a very capable U.S. Attorney for Arizona and a capable career prosecutor before that. She is tough, but compassionate, and I know that she can gracefully handle the stress of being the first Native American woman to travel this path. This is a historic nomination."

Matthew Fletcher, director of the Indigenous Law Center at Michigan State University, said Humetewa was "a wonderful selection," and he expected that she should be easily confirmed.

Humetewa was previously nominated by President George W. Bush in his second term to serve as the first female Native American U.S. attorney in history. She resigned from that position in July 2009 as part of the political appointee process in Obama's then-new administration. Some Native Americans asked the administration if Humetewa could stay on in that position at the time, but the White House declined.

In an interview with Indian Country Today Media Network in June 2008, Humetewa said she was "humbled" to be chosen for the U.S. attorney position, and she hoped her promotion would encourage more young Indians to consider careers in the legal field.

"The opportunity arose when one day I was sitting in my office, and the telephone rang—a gentleman said, 'Please hold for John McCain,'" she shared. "Sen. McCain simply asked me whether I wanted to provide this service for Arizona. Frankly, I was pretty taken aback and surprised and flattered. I felt I certainly couldn't say no."

Humetewa's biography, as provided by the White House, follows:

"Diane J. Humetewa currently serves as Special Advisor to the President and Special Counsel in the Office of General Counsel at Arizona State University. She is also a Professor of Practice at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. From 2009 to 2011, Humetewa was Of Counsel with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP. She worked in the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Arizona from 1996 to 2009, serving as Senior Litigation Counsel from 2001 to 2007 and as the United States Attorney from 2007 to 2009. During her tenure in the United States Attorney's Office, Humetewa also served as Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General from 1996 to 1998. From 1993 to 1996, she was Deputy Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Humetewa received her J.D. in 1993 from Arizona State University College of Law and her B.S. in 1987 from Arizona State University. She is a member of the Hopi Indian Tribe and, from 2002 to 2007, was an Appellate Court Judge for the Hopi Tribe Appellate Court."

Diane J. Humetewa, nominee for the U.S. District Court for Arizona.

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of the southern plains were there, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Comanche, Kiowa and Plains Apache.

The government commission was the largest and possibly the ablest that had ever been sent out on such a mission. There was a large military escort and an abundance of rations and supplies for the Indians, and as a result they formulated the treaties by which each tribe was given definite locations in Indian Territory.

Another important provision of that treaty was that the hunting grounds of the Plains Indians should be protected by the Government from hunters on the frontier, and the buffalo were to be saved from destruction. The buffalo were soon killed off.

It was considered by the Indians just as much an intrusion to destroy their hunting grounds, as it would be for an invading force to lay waste to the fields of the white man. The hide hunters killed buffalo simply for their hides, leaving the carcasses on the

Ben Keith

prairies to decay and, after transporting the hides to the markets, received only a small amount for them. The Indians were being held in restraint and were compelled to witness the things, which were done in violation of their treaty. It is true that the Indians had a different way of living than the white. This mode of life was followed until it had become a part of their very existence and was being crowded out by force and by the intrusion of a different race.

My grandmother, Snake Woman was a full blooded Blackfoot Indian and she was captured by the Arapaho Indians as a small girl and was brought to Colorado, where she married a white man by the name of Jules Poisall. My grandmother spoke just a few words of English. My mother, Mary was an educated Indian and dressed like white people. My father, Ben Keith, was a white man, a trader among the Indians, he traded for Buffalo robes. My father established one among the first ranches in Canadian county known as the Keith Ranch on the north side of the Canadian River, not far from the little town of Banner. I was born on this ranch, Aug. 10, 1884. I was the youngest of thirteen children."

Hazel said in Albert's interview he spoke of the cattle business in the Indian Territory. He states that the cattle business was an industry developed from the establishment of the Chisholm Trail and that the trail passed near his family's ranch.

"Practically all the cattle that were held, raised or fattened on the pastures of the Indian Territory traveled up the Chisholm Trail, without any exceptions the grass that grew upon the fertile plains of what is now Oklahoma produced the finest pasture and the finest grazing region in the west. Reading on of her deeply rooted family history, her uncle Albert wrote. *My father, being a pioneer cattleman, used careful conservation methods, instead of the plunging means resorted to by many of the cattlemen of that day. This brought him steadily increasing success, and without going into debt he extended his cattle interests for a few years. He grazed some of the largest herds in the section of the country and was known to reap constant profits*

Hazel (r)standing alongside her mother at the Calumet home she grew up in.

from his business." (During this time the Cheyenne and Arapaho Reservation of some four million acres was opened to settlement in 1892 and allotments were retained.) "*The allotments were scattered over the country. In the allotment land an Indian minor child, unmarried received forty acres of land, and Indian of age, single, received eighty acres. We children being one-forth Indian received our allotments which we relinquished and before opening took up on hundred and sixty acres each, near Kingfisher. I still remember going to Darlington Agency to receive our money issued in silver to the Indians. I was just a small boy at this time, but I still remember going in the wagon with my mother and several others, my brothers and sisters. Each member of the family would draw around seventy dollars. My mother would count the money, put it in a flour sack, throw it in the front end of the wagon, and drive home."*

Hazel gracious and in a soft tone, continued to read some of her uncle Albert's interview about the days of Darlington Agency during its activity and prosperity, "*It is now sad to visit Darlington. It reminds me of one such deserted village or an ancient ruin; it requires no great amount of imagination to see the blanketed Indians strolling around investigating everything. The Cheyenne school at Caddo Springs, now Concho, some two miles north and east of the old agency, still stands and the Indian children congregate on the bank near the railway and watch the train stop and take on or put off passengers. These passengers are principally children attending school. Visitors to the old Agency and its associated places see things as they appear today. The ones who knew it in the past (especially the Indians) can stand and meditate for hours and see the scenes of forty and fifty years ago pass before their vision, until they arouse themselves to realize that they are only scenes of their earthly activity. Some rest in the cemetery on the hill, others have wandered far away, and lie buried in strange lands. Another thing we took great delight in was the beef issue. Around five hundred cattle were delivered each month to be issued to the Indian families. The issue pens were located a mile west of El Reno. Later when the white people, attracted by the issue, came to be so numerous their safety was endangered by the Indians pursuing the released steers and the pens were moved on the farm at present occupied by Mr. Price about eight miles northwest of El Reno.*

The cattle issued by the Government

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language training per year and have access to weekly language online website resources in Cheyenne or Arapaho, in order to increase their speaking and listening skills, as measured by pre and post-tests.

"This idea was created by the executive director of the Department of Education, Director and Resource Developer of the Language Program, along with the assistance and guidance from the Language Advisory Board," Gordon Yellowman, Language Program director stated. "The primary reason for creating this idea was to continue the momentum built from the first successful three year early Childhood Development ANA grant. The commitment and financial support (in-kind services) from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tax Commission paying for publishing costs of the three levels of Cheyenne language and Arapaho language books and audio CDs contributed immensely to this project."

The LLP will benefit teachers, parents and grandparents who are interested in becoming more fluent in the Cheyenne and Arapaho languages, Yellowman said.

"We hope our younger speakers will be better supported and become introductory fluent in their language education," he said. "To our knowledge, there are no other projects similar or unique as ours."

The LLP will be administered under the Department of Education in Concho, Okla. It will reach out to schools and tribal members in the rural communities of Canton, Clinton, Concho (Darlington Independent Schools), El Reno, Geary and Kingfisher, in order to provide Cheyenne and Arapaho language education across the tribal service areas.

For more information about the Living Language Project, contact Yellowman at (405) 422-7729.

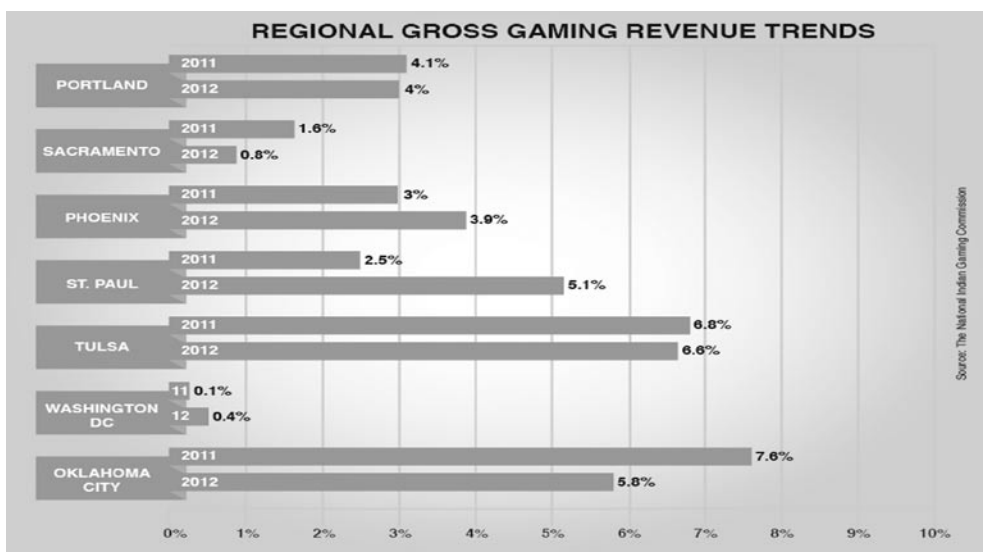
Indian gaming revenues offer economic encouragement

Washington, D.C.-Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, released data showing revenues generated by the Indian gaming industry in 2012 totaled $27.9 billion. These revenues are the highest ever and this year marks the third consecutive year of growth of gross gaming revenues (GGR) since the recession began in 2008.

"In 2012, the Indian gaming industry saw its largest gross gaming revenues ever," Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman of the NIGC said. "For those who judge casino spending as an indicator of increased discretionary spending and economic recovery, 2012 revenues certainly display economic encouragement."

The 2012 GGR of $27.9 billion represents 2.7 percent growth in revenue from the 2011 GGR of $27.2 billion. The overall growth of GGR in 2012 is attributable to 66 percent of the Indian gaming operations, which reported an increase in gaming revenues. Of the operations that reported an increase in revenue, approximately 44 percent showed moderate growth of less than 10 percent.

"Regulation has played a key role in the growth of the Indian gaming industry," Associate Commissioner Dan Little said. "Over the last three years our regulatory review has provided much needed reform to meet the needs of the changing industry and provide flexibility and consistency for tribes and tribal regulators."



The associated table shows the revenue trends over the past 10 years. Since 2010, the Indian gaming industry experienced approximately 3 percent annual growth-reaching its largest GGR this year.

Growth attributed to small and moderate gaming operations

Small and moderate gaming operations make up 56 percent of Indian gaming. Many Indian tribes use gaming revenues to fund economic development activities on reservations and more effective provision of tribal government services, including health services, early education programs and language and cultural preservation activities.

In 2012, 98 Indian gaming operations reported gaming revenue between $10 million and $25 million, 70 Indian gaming operations reported gaming revenue between $3 million and $10 million and 69 Indian gaming operations reported gaming revenue less than $3 million.

"These numbers illustrate that the majority of tribal gaming operations are small to mid-size," Stevens said. "The industry is driven by the demographics of each area. Most tribal gaming operations are in rural parts of the country where jobs are greatly needed for both natives and non-natives alike."

All regions show growth in revenues

The associated map illustrates the seven NIGC regions across the country. Continuing the trend that began in 2011, all seven regions experienced growth in 2012. The largest increase in GGR of 5.1 percent or $233 million occurred within the St. Paul Region, which consists of 120 gaming operations across nine Great Plains states. The Tulsa Region, which consists of 64 gaming operations in Kansas and eastern Oklahoma, had the largest percentage increase from 2011, 6.6 percent or $125 million.

The NIGC's GGR release provides the most comprehensive look at the revenues of the Indian gaming industry each year. GGR also provides a regional view of revenues figures for the more than 420 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 240 tribes across 28 states.

The 2012 GGR is calculated based on independently audited financial statements received by the NIGC through June 20, 2013. Financial statements are submitted by Indian gaming operations in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Gaming revenues represent the net win from gaming activities, which is the difference between gaming receipts and payouts.

Native Business: Balance and Move Forward

By Jim Stanley, Tribal Tribune Correspondent

Within an organization the desire to get things "perfect" and not make a mistake must be balanced with the need to move forward.

Sometimes making a bad decision that is well executed is less harmful than indecision because putting business assets to work is the only way to grow. Mistakes can often be corrected and provide learned lessons on how better to do things.

Growth is good because it means more income, the ability to create jobs, and if done correctly more cash to reinvest or divert from business for other good things.

A company can defend against paralysis by utilizing a few things in their operations like making certain tactics fit within an overall strategy and setting clear decision making parameters. Projects are best started by setting a goal and having the group of decision makers and employees agree to the goal. Everything becomes simple from there because then the reason for action is clear, to achieve the goal. New ideas are good but allowed to be proposed at the wrong time may restart momentum, not good when a feasible option is proposed and the objective fits within a plan that has already been well thought out.

Additionally, forward progress is important because it motivates people whom are the company's greatest resource. A good organization will carry out the plans of a greater strategy utilizing the feedback and execution of its people. A less-than-good organization continually rewrites its plans, skipping the step of implementation and in effect burns out employees because they are prevented from contributing their energy and passion from starting new work; nobody likes being caught up in stale work.

Jim Stanley is a board member of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board and the Northwest Native American Chamber.

C&A Department of Education News

ACT test fee for Tribal students

An ACT test score is required for college or university admission. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal students may request the $35 payment from the Gaming-Higher Education Program by Mailing the ACT Packet with required documents to our office by the listed dates:

A CDIB (not a copy of your Tribal ID card), you may contact our tribal enrollment office at (405) 422-7600 and ask them to send us the one-page CDIB.

Your completed ACT application with signature and date, in the original ACT envelope, with the front and back of envelope completed, and not sealed. Be sure to write your high school code on the back. Mail your packet to Higher Education, PO Box 167, Concho, OK 73022, or bring it to our El Reno Office at 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho (the old boarding school building).

Include a completed gaming application, the form can be copied from our Website www.c-a-tribes.org/education.

Go to www.actstudent.org to get a list of ACT Test Registration dates.

Students may contact their high school counselors to see if they are eligible for a fee waiver. Our Gaming Higher Education Program can pay for one test per year. You may ask your Johnson-O'Malley Program or Indian Education Program to pay for a test. We do not pay late registration fees.

We need your entire packet mailed to us at least two weeks before the Registration Deadline since our office needs time to process a check. We do not have resources to pay online ACT registration fees so that's why we need the packets mailed to us. We do not reimburse for a test payment, since there is no longer an unmet need once the payment has been made.

For more information call Higher Education Program at (405) 422-7560.

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	MAIL PACKET TO US BY
Sept. 21, 2013	Aug. 23, 2013	Aug. 9, 2013
Oct. 26, 2013	Sept. 27, 2013	Sept. 13, 2013
Dec. 14, 2013	Nov. 8, 2013	Nov. 25, 2013
Feb. 8, 2014	Jan. 10, 2014	Dec. 27, 2013
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	Feb. 21, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	April 25, 2014

Higher Education Deadline

The deadline for submission of BIA-Higher Education applications is Nov. 1, 2013.

There is no longer an appeal process for late applicants. Applicants, please apply before or on November 1st for BIA-HIE scholarship assistance. Applications can be copied from our tribal Website www.c-a-tribes.org/education.

There are five pages to be copied. Applicants may send the one page application, statement of privacy form and any documents they have by Nov. 1. They can then send remaining documents in as soon as they receive them.

Applications must be sent by U.S. mail to: Higher Education Program, PO Box 167, Concho, OK 73022. Applications can be delivered to 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho, OK (old boarding school building). Please do not fax the applications or send as email attachments.

Junior-Senior college prep workshop

Junior-Senior college prep workshop will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Oct. 8, 2013 at the Weatherford High School.

It is important to get on the right track when preparing for college and to inform yourself on the necessary steps to take by making a college action plan for yourself. It is important to set yourself up for success.

Below you will find the links, and other information that will be discussed at the Junior/Senior workshop.

BIA-HIE application deadline and documents check list.

Scholarship search and application.

Request assistance from Dean Chavers, Director of 'Catching the Dream' www.catchingthedream.org/Scholarship.

ACT test dates www.acstudent.org.

FAFSA application, must first apply for a pin number.

FAFSA/PELL application, apply early for OTAG go to www.fasfa.ed.gov and apply on-line with pin number and parent income tax information.

Timeline check list for seniors.

Are you eligible to graduate in May? Need summer school to graduate?

Gaming Application, attach CDIB and supporting documentation.

Available high school services through tribal gaming funds.

Graduation Banquet, TBA Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

Juniors may be eligible to enroll in concurrent college classes for their senior year.

Tribal I.D. cards and CDIB's and other tribal programs information.

Parents are invited and greatly encouraged to attend our college prep workshops.

SAVE THE DATE

2013 Indian Education Summit

On October 21-23rd, Indian Education Directors, BIA/BIE/IHS employees, PK-20 educators, tribal service providers, administrators, counselors, State Department of Education employees, legislators, and tribal leaders from throughout the State of Oklahoma will convene at the NCED Conference Center and Hotel in Norman, Okla. for the 2013 Indian Education Summit.

A wide variety of sessions featuring the following strands will be highlighted: common core standards/curriculum, tribal services, culture and language, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

The theme of the summit is "Indian Education for All."

The conference will kick-off with a welcome reception on Monday from 4-6 p.m. to which tribal leaders from the 39 federally recognized tribes have been invited.

On Tuesday, Dr. Janet Barresi, State Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Oklahoma State Department of Education, will address the group and a panel featuring legislators, superintendents of schools, and tribal leaders will be featured.

On Wednesday, there will be a second general session, a panel discussion, and additional presentations. Representatives from the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education have been invited to speak.

There will also be exhibitors, vendors, and fabulous door prizes including a signed Oklahoma University (OU) football.

Ready to start the new year on the right path to successful employment?

Need your GED?

With the changes coming into effect for 2013 for official testing, it is important that all tribal members get the help and assistance they need towards obtaining their General Education Diploma (GED). With a completed application, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Adult Education Program can pay for official testing fees.

A GED Pre-Testing will be held for the Hammon Community from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct, 9, 2013at the Hammon Community Center. The GED pre-testing is 4 hours long, so the times may vary depending on arrival.

For more information contact Clinton Adult Education Center, Melissa Hamilton, counselor at (800) 247- 4612 ext. 32412 or (580) 331-2412. Located in the Housing Authority Blg. 2100 Dogpatch Rd. Clinton, OK 73601, next to the R.E.SP. E.C..T. office.

Bison Stew
Cooking with USDA Foods

1/4 cup canola oil
2 pounds bison meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 cup diced white onion
1 cup diced carrots
1 cup diced celery
3 cloves garlic, minced
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 cup tomato paste
4 cups low-sodium beef broth
4 cups red wine
1 (14.5-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
4 tablespoons chopped parsley leaves
2 teaspoons chopped thyme leaves
1/4 cup unsalted butter

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat, until almost smoking. Brown the bison meat in the hot oil until golden brown, then remove from the pan to a plate and set aside.

In the same pan, add the onion, carrots, celery, garlic and saute for about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Add the flour and tomato paste and stir well. Slowly add in the beef stock, red wine and canned tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Return the seared meat to the pan and reduce the heat to a simmer. Continue to cook for about 45 minutes. The liquid, when close to finishing, should have reduced in volume by 1/2 of what you started with and the meat should be fork tender. Cook's Note: if the liquid begins to evaporate you can add more stock or water.

To finish, stir in the fresh herbs and the butter. Transfer the stew to a serving bowl and serve immediately with wild rice or couscous.

The Domestic Violence program services Canadian, Kingfisher, Blaine, Dewey, Custer, Washita, Beckham and Roger Mills counties.

Women Are Sacred

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Domestic Violence Program provides

Counseling for Native American women, including the elderly, who have been involved in domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking.

Advocacy in obtaining victim's protective orders and referrals to agencies that may be of assistance to them.

Support for clients and their families while in crisis.

For more information or help call (405) 422-7692-office or toll free (800) 247-0345 ext. 27692

This project is supported by Grant No.2209-TW-AX-0039 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

National Congress of American Indians 70th annual Convention and Marketplace

Oct. 13-18, 2013 at the Cox Business Center, 100 Civic Center in Tulsa, Okla. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

Fund Reporting for Tribes and Tribal Organizations

Oct. 15-16, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Expanding Role of the Tribal Security Force

Oct. 15-16, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

American Indian Institute's Indian Education Summit

Oct. 21-23, 2013 at the NCED Conference Center and Hotel in Norman, Okla. For more information visit www.Aii.ou.edu or contact Ann Barnes at (405) 325-4127.

Reservation Road Construction

Oct. 21-22, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development RES Conference

Oct. 22-24, 2013 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino in Chandler, Ariz. For more information visit www.ncaied.org.

Native American Construction and Real Estate Development Conference-Maximize Your Land's Potential

Oct. 24-25, 2013 at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa in Cabazon, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 16th annual National Tribal Transportation Conference

Oct. 27-Nov. 1, 2013 at the Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel in Prior Lake, Minn. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

The National Indian Eduction Aassociation's 44th annual Conference

Oct. 28-Nov. 4, 2013 in Rapid City, S.D. More details to be released. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

Tribal Financial Management Symposium

Nov. 18-19, 2013 at the La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Education in Indian Country Conference

Dec. 9-10, 2013 at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa in Cabazon, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The fourth annual Native American Human Resources Conference

Jan. 26-27, 2014 at the Penchange Casino Resort in Temecula, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Oklahoma judge gives custody of Baby Deseray to Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Third pregnant woman identified by Tribal lawyers, similar case to Baby Veronica

By Suzette Brewer, Indian Country Today Media Network

At a closed-door hearing last week in Oklahoma County, Judge Allen Welch granted custody of the infant girl "Deseray" to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and ordered her return to Oklahoma. The baby had been unlawfully removed from Oklahoma in June by Bobby and Diane Bixler of Irmo, S.C., in violation of the Indian Child Welfare Act and Oklahoma state law. The Bixlers are represented by Raymond Godwin and Nightlight Christian Adoptions of Greenville, the same attorney and agency who represented Matt and Melanie Capobianco in the adoption of Veronica Brown.

Charles Tripp, attorney for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, said the Bixlers took Deseray when she was only a few weeks old with no custody orders or paperwork of any kind authorizing them to take the child out of state, which is tantamount to kidnapping, for which they could face federal criminal charges. The tribe is seeking domestication and enforcement of Oklahoma orders in South Carolina so that Deseray can be returned home for further proceedings in regards to her custodial placement.

Tripp, who is managing partner of Oklahoma-based law firm Legal Associates for Indian Country, said the removal of Deseray with no legal framework for her adoption is nearly Dickensian in its bald violation of state and federal laws.

"They literally paid their money and split with the kid," said Tripp. "The big issue here is the wholesale auction of Indian children, but right now we're focusing on getting this little girl back to Oklahoma and transferring the case to Absentee Shawnee tribal court so we can make a determination as to where she is best served."

In May, the Bixlers had gone to Stillwater, Okla., for the birth of Deseray, whose parents had split several months before she was born. At the hearing last week in Oklahoma county, Paul Swain, the Tulsa attorney who represents the Bixlers, told Judge Welch that the reason the couple went back to South Carolina with no custody order was simply because the Bixlers were tired of waiting for the paperwork to be finalized and that "Mr. Bixler needed to get back to work."

When asked about the current whereabouts of the infant girl as rumors had been swirling that she had been "re-homed" with another couple, Swain hedged.

"She's in South Carolina," he told the court. Welch was not impressed. Finally, after several vague answers, Swain said that the girl is still with the Bixlers. Judge Welch then removed Swain from the case, granted the tribe custody and ordered the immediate return of the baby, who turned four months old last week.

But the story of how Deseray wound up in South Carolina with little more than a car seat and a diaper bag is a story with familiar refrains.

Same Song, Different Lyric

Crystal Tarbox was an easy target. Abandoned by her biological father as an infant, her life afterward is the very definition of instability. Having grown up with a rotating string of father figures and frequent address changes, she had her first baby at 15 and dropped out of high school. Her second baby came when she was 19 and living in Florida with a boyfriend who would later go to prison.

Having moved back home to Oklahoma, she worked at a series of low-paying, minimum wage jobs while raising two young daughters. Last year, at 23, she moved in with her now ex-boyfriend, Jeremy Simmons in Mannford, Oklahoma. Soon after, she became pregnant with her third child, another girl.

Tarbox, who is a member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, had been in an out of counseling from an early age for a variety of issues, including anxiety, according to her mother, Janet Snake. But in 2011, Tarbox was dealt another blow when her biological father, who had been diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, killed himself. Unemployed and with a third child on the way, she was overwhelmed and unsure of her relationship with Simmons, who also has a criminal history.

In short order, she ended her relationship with Simmons and impulsively married the father of her second child, Matt Tarbox, who had just recently been released from incarceration. Shortly thereafter, she gave up the baby who came to be known as "Deseray" for adoption to the Bixlers, who according to insiders paid approximately $50,000 for Tarbox's "expenses."

In an interview with Indian Country Today Media Network, Simmons said that he was aware that Tarbox had a troubled history and that he had tried to help her during her pregnancy, taking her to her scheduled doctor's appointments and even buying her pre-natal vitamins.

"I came home one day and she had just cleared out and took everything," he said. "I still tried to continue to help her after we split but she wouldn't talk to me and refused to accept any money from me."

Two days later, she married Matt Tarbox, the father of her second child who had just been released from prison. Soon after, relatives say the couple sought help from the First Baptist Church of Cushing, Oklahoma, who reportedly set up the contact for the adoption agency.

In May, the Bixlers drove to Oklahoma from South Carolina to attend Deseray's birth at Stillwater Medical Center. Godwin had "subcontracted" Tulsa-based attorney Mike Yeksavich to handle some of the paperwork, though they later had a falling out over fees and responsibilities. At the time, Yeksavich asked the court to appoint him at the girl's legal guardian, apparently in order to finalize the adoption.

But he has since distanced himself from Godwin, claiming that the responsibility for the paperwork fell squarely on Godwin's shoulders. As the two attorneys squabbled over money and "assigned duties," the Bixlers cleared out of Oklahoma, taking Baby Deseray with them back to South Carolina with no legal authority whatsoever to do so.

Before they had even pulled into their driveway in Irmo, South Carolina, papers had already been filed in Greenville by Godwin to finalize the adoption.

It was there that a South Carolina family court judge finally caught on to what was happening. Right off the bat, the judge realized that no Interstate Custody for the Placement of Children (ICPC) paperwork had been filed. In fact, no other paperwork had been filed save for the documents from Raymond Godwin's office.

With no ICPC filing in place, the South Carolina judge refused to finalize the adoption. In Tulsa, Mike Nomura, director for the State of Oklahoma ICPC, was aware of the lack of due diligence and made his irritation known to all parties, including Yeksavich and Godwin.

Seeing the handwriting on the wall, Yeksavich subsequently sent a heated letter to Godwin demanding the return of Deseray.

"...I told Nomura I will not file an ICPC request for the Bixlers as I do not agree with placement with your clients and the termination case has been dismissed. He thinks I still have 'custody' of the child ... this is a demand for your clients to return the child to Oklahoma and surrender physical possession of the child and advise what date your clients will be in Oklahoma with the child so coordination of a change in physical custody can be made.

Since your clients chose to secretly ignore the law it is my position they have all liability for the child's safe keeping until they surrender physical custody of the child and have no right to physical custody of the child."

Meanwhile, the lawyers for the Absentee Shawnee went to court to enforce the Indian Child Welfare Act, setting the stage for another epic, interstate custody battle between an Oklahoma Indian tribe and the state of South Carolina.

For Tripp, who is not only an Indian lawyer, but also a pre-ICWA adoptee, the obligation to enforce ICWA has become a mission because of the long, unrelenting history of taking Native children from their tribes.

"It's time for the Department of Justice to get involved and investigate the misdeeds and wrongdoings of these agencies and lawyers in regards to the abduction of our children," he said. "This is nothing new, but rather just a continuum of the tactics and policies in which greed and the colonial 'white is right' mentality have taken over."

Courtesy photo

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has been granted custody of Deseray Simmons, who was unlawfully removed from Oklahoma in June by a South Carolina couple.

There's One Born Every Minute

At last week's hearing, Barbara Bado withdrew from representing Crystal Tarbox. But before she departed, she had something to say. Leaning over to one of the tribal attorneys before the hearing, she inquired about what should be done about yet another Absentee Shawnee birth mother, who is due to give birth this November.

Bado told the attorneys that the tribal member, whom she does not represent, is homeless, living in a park, sleeping on friend's couches, trying to avoid more jail time. With multiple warrants for her arrest, fines and legal fees, Bado was asking about ICWA.

"She sent us several emails saying, 'We want to comply with ICWA', and asked us for a list of potential placements with tribal members," said Tripp. "Which all sounds great, but then came the hitch: She said that there were 'expenses,' that needed to be paid, which included living expenses, fines, outstanding warrants and legal fees. There was nothing direct, but clearly, they don't want her picked up because let's face it, if she delivers the baby in jail, the kid will go to DHS and not only will the mom not get paid, the attorneys won't make a cent. So they're out there soliciting for 'expenses,' with the underlying threat that they'll take their business elsewhere."

Tulsa attorney Don Mason, a member of the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma (Suzette Brewer)

For Don Mason, who represents Jeremy Simmons in the Baby Deseray case, it's nothing new under the sun.

"It's very manipulative," he says. "It's always cloaked in words like 'expenses,' but it's a lot of cash up front and the cash is always funneled in ways that it's hard to track. And when these attorneys get caught, they always hide behind the law and the bible pretending that they're do-gooders, when in fact they are selling children for profit. In the end, however, it's the exploitation of both sides: Poor birth mothers who are desperate and adoptive parents who will pay any price for a child. But no matter how glossy it appears, it's still human trafficking."

In the case of Crystal Tarbox, for example, the money that she received from the adoption has since disappeared and she and her husband are now living with her mother, who is helping to raise Tarbox's two older daughters. As of this writing, Tarbox remains unemployed.

For many lawyers and mental health experts in Indian country, it is the underlying issues involving poverty and mental health that need to be addressed so that individual tribal members and Native communities don't continue to fall prey to an adoption industry that has turned toward vulnerable Native women who may have few choices in giving up their children. The preservation of Indian life in America is, after all, the reason the Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted to begin with.

Dr. Art Martinez, a clinical psychologist and consultant from California, says that funding and resources for Native communities is crucial to helping retain children for the long-term survival of the tribes.

"It's a huge problem," says Martinez, who is a Chumash tribal member. "The tribes do care about their children and they do want to stop it, but the reality is that they very rarely know about these adoptions until it's too late. And there are loopholes which are exploited by the attorneys that we have been battling since ICWA was passed. And unfortunately, it's the children who become the victims of these situations."

Martinez says that poverty plays an enormous role in the mental health issues that plague Indian communities. Crucial infrastructural needs like decent housing, intensive in- and out-patient treatment facilities, safe houses, medical care, sound nutrition and traditionally-based wellness initiatives should all play a part in preserving tribal life, which has undergone centuries of assault on their existence.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, American Indians and Alaska Natives are more than twice as likely to live in poverty; they have a life expectancy 6 years lower, and an infant mortality rate higher than the U.S. Average. American Indians have twice the rate of violent victimization than that of African Americans and more than 2.5 times the rate of white Americans. Additionally, they die at significantly higher rates of tuberculosis and diabetes.

But most significantly, suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10-34 year-olds, while 33 percent of American Indians lack health insurance, compared to 11 percent of whites.

"We need dedicated resources for intensive community work around wellness and healing," says Martinez. "We're still wiping tears from the historical trauma we've all suffered, but we need to stop the kinetic attacks on our communities. We need resources to address our unique issues, because poverty and mental health impacts not only individuals, but families, communities and entire tribes."

For Tripp, who works with tribes all over the country, it is the not-so-subtle message from the dominant society that Indian children are up for grabs.

"They pick on the weak. And the weak are people in poverty, with health issues, societal problems, drug and alcohol abuse and criminal histories. They're easy pickings. And in the United States, we have this notion that more money equals a 'better life.' But what constitutes a good life is a sense of love and caring, a sense of belonging. A sense of 'place.' But in order to do that, we have to protect our children. We have to give them a safe and steady place to grow up in a community that loves and cares about them," he says. "I have had several mothers who have told me they don't want their kids to be Indian. And that's a sad statement. Because what it says is that there has been some success in a society that, at its very core, is racist toward Indians. That somehow being Indian is less than, that it's bad. Somewhere, that message has gotten through to the most vulnerable people in our communities. So we therefore need to redouble our efforts and help those who may be in trouble so that we can preserve our legacies and cultures for future generations."

Cherokee girl transferred to adoptive parents

By Kristi Eaton, Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) _ The South Carolina couple who adopted a Cherokee girl at the center of a yearslong custody dispute came to Oklahoma last month vowing not to leave without the child.

On Monday night, Matt and Melanie Capobianco took custody of 4-year-old Veronica.

Hours earlier, the Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled that it didn't have jurisdiction in the case that had already been considered in the U.S. Supreme Court and had raised questions about jurisdictions and tribal sovereignty.

"She's safely in her parents' arms," said Jessica Munday, a friend and spokeswoman for the Charleston, S.C., family.

Supporters of Dusten Brown, the girl's biological father, say he put up a hard-fought battle for the right to keep Veronica but that he "willfully cooperated" with the court's order.

"We are deeply, deeply saddened by the events of today," Cherokee Nation Attorney General Todd Hembree said in a written statement, "but we will not lose hope." Veronica Brown will always be a Cherokee citizen, and although she may have left the Cherokee Nation, she will never leave our hearts."

Hembree said law enforcement did not supervise the transfer. After Brown and his wife, who is not Veronica's biological mother, packed the girl's bags, Brown told her he loved her and a tribal attorney drove Veronica a quarter mile to where the Capobiancos were waiting.

The transfer came hours after the Oklahoma's highest court dissolved a temporary court order that had kept the child in the Cherokee Nation with her father and his family. Until the Monday night transfer, the Cherokee Nation had insisted the girl would remain with the tribe.

Hembree said the Capobiancos promised that Brown, who is a member of the Cherokee Nation, "will be allowed to remain an important part of Veronica's life."

Munday was not sure when the Capobiancos planned to return to South Carolina with Veronica but said she felt they were now free to do that at any time.

Veronica's biological mother, who is not Native American, was pregnant when she put the child up for adoption. Veronica lived with the Capobiancos from birth until she was 27 months old, when Brown was awarded custody under the Indian Child Welfare Act. But a U.S. Supreme Court decision later went against Brown, and a South Carolina court finalized the Capobiancos' adoption of her earlier this year. Brown had then turned to Oklahoma's courts for relief.

When the Oklahoma Supreme Court bowed out, it left in place a South Carolina court order validating the Capobiancos' adoption and a Cherokee Nation tribal court directive that said the girl could remain with family members of Brown's while he was undergoing National Guard training.

The Oklahoma court did not explain its decision to lift its stay Monday.

Munday said Veronica has spent some time with the couple recently and that the child remembers them.

"It was smooth. There wasn't any danger. Hopefully everyone can focus on healing now," she said.

Brown and his family claim the Indian Child Welfare Act mandates that the child be raised within the Cherokee Nation. The law was passed in 1978 with the intent of reducing the high rates of Native American children being adopted by non-Native American families.

A South Carolina court cited the law when it awarded custody of Veronica to Brown in 2011, but the U.S. Supreme Court this year said the law did not apply because he had been absent from the child's life.

"The legal system has failed this child and American Indians as well. Our prayers are with everyone concerned, but most of all with Veronica," Terry Cross, executive director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association, said in a written statement Monday night.

Injunuity signs CD pact with record company

ADA, OKLAHOMA – Musicians Brad Clonch and Jeff Carpenter, better known as the American Indian band Injunuity, have inked a record deal with an Arizona company.

Phoenix-based Canyon Records and Injunuity came to agreement almost a year ago. Canyon will release the band's independently produced third compact disc "Fight for Survival" The 2010 release won the band Songwriters of the Year honors at the Native American Music Awards (Nammy).

Nammy awards are the equivalent to mainstream music's Grammy Awards.

"They (Canyon Records) are one of the largest distributors of Native American music nationally and internationally,"Clonch said. "They took the album and are redesigning the artwork. They are reproducing the recording tracks to give it more of a flare that they are accustomed to in terms of the Native flute. We signed on with them a year ago in October and they've been reworking *Fight for Survival* over the last year,"

He added.

"Instead of Jeff and me selling CDs out of the trunks of our cars, it will be released to stores. Our music will be available in many locations. People will know 'hey, here's this new sound, this new band,'"Clonch said.

The musicians are expecting a release of Canyon's version of *Fight for Survival* soon and with it they expect to become busier performing at American Indian festivals and venues nationally and internationally.

Not that they aren't already busy.

In fact, Clonch, who plays Native flute and is an accomplished pianist, and Carpenter, a multi-talented guitarist and saxophone player, recently ventured to Switzerland for a Native American concert known as Apache Moon. They departed Oklahoma in July and returned home about a week later.

Each raves about the experience, the welcome they received and how they were able to do radio and television interviews to inform people about their music, Chickasaw history and culture.

The festival's organizer, Davide Buzzi, is interested in Native American music and culture. He organized the festival in Semione, Switzerland, approximately 10 years ago. Both musicians said the opportunity to visit with Europeans and share what it means to be American Indian was exciting. Both work for the Chickasaw Nation. Carpenter is Chickasaw and Clonch is Mississippi Choctaw.

"There are still a lot of stereotypes about Native Americans, especially (in Europe)," Clonch said. "A lot of them think we still live on reservations, ride horses, and live in teepees. It's actually very cool. Instead of them coming to America, we traveled to Europe to share our culture with them."

American Indian band Injunuity members Jeff Carpenter and Brad Clonch.

The pair explained to European media while some tribes did live in teepees, the Chickasaws lived in villages comprised of a summer home and winter home made of mud huts with a thatch roof.

"We were able to educate them on that and show them it's not always what Hollywood portrays," Clonch explained. "We were able to teach them some Chickasaws words and we sat down for many interviews where we talked about the Chickasaw Nation, how it was removed from the ancestral home lands and how it has thrived and continues to thrive in Oklahoma."

With a newly-released fourth CD titled *Spirits*, a recording contract, and interest in the group spreading globally, Injunuity hits the road again in September.

A two-day festival celebrating Native Americans is held annually in Tuscumbia, Alabama. Injunuity will make its sixth appearance there in as many years.

"That festival is probably one of the biggest reasons we still exist," Carpenter said with a big smile. "The reception we get out there was just unbelievable."

Clonch said they go to an area where people don't experience Native music every day, "they are just in awe of it."

To learn more about the band and performance dates, visit www.injunuity.net.

My frustration with suicide prevention

By Beau Washington, Contributing Writer

Many of us have warrior blood in us. Protecting our family, our tribes and our nations is a great honor, which we've had plenty of experience doing. We honor our veterans and have great pride in our warriors serving in the military.

When I was young I played war games doing heroics like falling on a pretend grenade to save others, just like Eastern Band Cherokee Medal of Honor recipient Charles George did in Korea. Honor is a large part of Native culture. I remember Elders talking to me about shame. I learned to not shame myself by doing bad things. Believe me. When I was young I sure needed these kinds of talks. Sometimes it was shortened to "Boy-howdy, your Mama is going to be mad when she finds out you did that." There are so many things to learn. A friend recently wrote on Facebook that "life is hard for Natives." It is, especially when Trickster Thoughts are involved to make things worse.

Working in mental health, I get frustrated from time to time on several different levels. Occasionally I hear therapists complain about people not coming in for help like it is the depressed person's fault. This always makes me bristle. The other side of the coin is the question of what are therapists doing to make it easy for a depressed person to get help? A good part of the failure of does indeed belong to the therapist and not developing an approach and marketing (advertising) to help the person with depression's desire and confidence to get help. Advertising can convince people to buy some crazy stuff. It is a shame that the techniques of the psychology of advertising are being overlooked by the mental health profession to knock down the stigma of counseling. However, several Native clinics are using the concept of Trickster Thoughts to reach out to their people and take some of the mystery out of good mental health with good success. I am very happy to see this change.

A psychologist told me that he was confronted by some Native women who said something like, "You are killing our people! You are supposed to know how to prevent suicide and you are not!" On the other hand I have met Native people who basically want a program that comes in and works without community participation. Here is the reason why it won't work: According to Teresa LaFromboise, 97% of Natives who die from suicide do so without asking for professional help. The fact is that a friend or family member will spot a person heading for depression long before a professional will get even a chance to help. Therefore, we need to help our friends and relatives, because those in need may not ask for help. It is our responsibility too.

As mentioned before, we need to help protect our people. This time it is the war on suicide. I know it is scary to ask if somebody is going to hurt themselves, however, if they do die, your regret may last a life time: "I should have asked. I should have done something." Dying for others in battle takes physical courage whereas asking somebody if they "feel like ending it all" takes mental courage. Yes it is scary to ask, but worth it.

True prevention begins early. I talked with an Army psychologist long ago about suicide prevention and he said, "We don't practice prevention, we practice intervention." That kind of shocked me and as I think about it that is what most communities do. I know one mental health clinic that practices warehousing the person with suicidal thoughts until the suicidal thoughts go away without adequate mental health help. Prevention should be taught in school, churches, and service organizations throughout the community. Some of the things I know about depressed people are that they are overwhelmed, have many Trickster Thoughts, have poor memory, and dwell on problems that make Trickster Thought seem real. These few reasons are why we need to learn how to chase the Tricksters away before disaster happens.

We all have a responsibility to help fight whatever enemies are killing our people. We are warriors. The war on suicide requires us to use our heads instead of weapons. Trickster Thoughts are the enemy. Thoughts cause feelings, which are hard to fight if you can't recognize them. Get to know the enemy, as they are camouflaged because they're close to being true. They are sly and try to keep us from seeing what is accurate and true. The battle is in each one of us. Let's win this war.

Visit Beau's Website at www.kickdepression.org.

EATING well for DIABETES

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

The prevalence of obesity and cancer has been increasing in parallel. The number of cancer survivors has increased in the past three decades and approximately one-third of the US population has insulin resistance. Evidence suggests that obesity is associated with cancer progression, recurrence of disease and mortality. Several studies suggest that both obesity and hyperinsulinemia may be high risk conditions of the late effects of cancer. The studies have explained the biochemical reverberations of obesity and insulin resistance, which creates an environment conductive for cancer cells to proliferate and survive regardless of the cancer type, (exception is lung cancer). Having excess abdominal fat produces an inflammatory process which has also been linked to cancer.

To help prevent cancer the American Cancer Society has the following recommendations:

1. Maintain a healthy weight throughout life.

a. Balance caloric intake with physical activity.

b. Avoid excessive weight gain throughout the life cycle.

c. Achieve and maintain a healthy weight if currently overweight or obese.

2. Adopt a physically active lifestyle.

a. Adults engage in at least thirty minutes to moderate activity on 5 or more days of the week.

b. Children and adolescence should engage in at least 60 minutes of exercise at least 5 days a week.

3. Consume a healthy diet, with an emphasis on plant sources.

a. Choose foods and beverages in amounts that help achieve and maintain a healthful weight.

b. Each five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

c. Choose whole grains over processed (refined) grains and sugars.

d. Limit consumption of processed and red meats.

4. If you drink alcoholic beverages, limit consumption.

a. No more than two drinks per day for men and one drink a day for women.

The American Institute for Cancer Research/World Cancer Research Fund Guidelines recommends to be as lean as possible within normal range of body weight; be physically active as part of everyday life; limit consumption of energy-dense foods (candies/cakes), avoid sugary drinks; eat mostly foods of plant origin; limit intake of red meat and processed meats; limit alcohol drinks; limit consumption of salt; aim to meet nutritional needs through diet alone not supplements; mothers should breastfeed.

A recent American Cancer Society report identified that more than 50% of cancer deaths could be prevented by modifying lifestyle factors, including diet and exercise.

Source: *Niyati Paekh, PhD, RD, Tomko Okada,Ms,RD, "Obesity Insulin Resistance and Cancer", pg. 1346-1352. 2009, Journal of the American Dietetic Association.*

Darlington School will host My Feelings Are a Work of Art: Healing Myself, Healing our People

CONCHO, OK-The Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education (CA-DOE) will facilitate the My Feelings Are a Work of Art: Healing Myself, Healing Our People project by administering funds and providing staff and cultural resources for Darlington Public School and the after school Boys and Girls Club, funded through a grant from the Oklahoma Public Health Association.

The school counselor at Darlington School, who is a licensed professional counselor, as well as an art teacher for each grade level, will facilitate all classes.

Seventh and eighth graders will create visual art, fifth and sixth grade students will write a story and illustrate it, and fourth graders will create traditional clothing and learn traditional dance or sign language.

Each of these activities will be tied directly to Cheyenne and Arapaho culture. Therefore, students will have the opportunity to express their individual feelings as well as connect to their traditional cultures.

By reconnecting with their Cheyenne and Arapaho heritage, the students will gain a greater sense of identity and resilience, and they will also begin to understand the trauma that has been passed on from generation to generation.

Indian Health Service offers assistance with water and wastewater needs to Native American homes

The Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction (IHS-DSFC) Program can provide assistance to address water and wastewater needs to Native American homes. The program is able to provide water and wastewater services to New and Like-New Native American homes (including mobile homes) and to existing homes in need of water and sewer repairs. The IHS-DSFC program is looking for all possible Native American homes in the area so that their needs may be evaluated.

To request an application for services you may contact the IHS OEH&E field office in Clinton, Okla. by mail at Indian Health Service, OEH&E Clinton field office, 10321 N. 2274 Road, Clinton, OK 73601, or by phone at (580) 331-3492 or you may pick up an application in our office located at the Clinton Indian Health Center.

Watonga Indian Health Center Dental Department Schedule Update

The Watonga Indian Health Center would like to notify patients of some schedule changes to the Dental department starting in October.

Dr. Flauryse Baguidy, who has been the dental chief and primary dentist at the Watonga IHS Dental department, will be transferred to Rosebud to assume the position of Dental Chief.

From Oct. 1 through Oct. 25, dental services will be covered by Drs. Hamilton, Wilson and Drew. Patients are encouraged to call the dental department in the event of a need for emergency care or to schedule their regular dental services.

As always, the mission of the Clinton Service Unit is to promote a culture that supports and develops caring, compassionate and competent healthcare.

Affordable Care Act, What do I need to do?

All American Indians and Alaska Natives who are eligible to receive services from an Indian health care provider may receive an exemption from the shared responsibility payment (tax penalty) if they do not maintain minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

Prior to HHS' announcement of the exemption, only a portion of the American Indian and Alaska Native population members of federally recognized tribes would have access to such an exemption. The exemption reflects comments and feedback received from Indian Country through rule-making and the tribal consultation process.

You need to be prepared to enter into the Marketplace after Oct. 1, 2013.

The Clinton Service Unit has certified application consultants that can assist with this process. You may select to apply for insurance coverage and take advantage of any tax credits that you may be eligible for or you may simply apply for a hardship exemption if you are not a member of a federally recognized tribe.

If you have membership in a federally recognized tribe and you are able to provide this documentation then you will simply send it in when you file your income taxes in 2015.

To begin, gather all of the documents you will need in order to apply (see list to the right) then come sit down with a benefits coordinator and let us help you get started in the online enrollment process at www.HealthCare.gov.

If a benefits coordinator is unavailable, we have many staff members who are certified application consultants who can assist you. Please just ask and we will be sure to connect you.

For more information call Teresa Murray at (580) 331-3364 or Donna Hill at (580) 331-3398.

Clinton Service Unit Indian Health Center

Invites Community Members to Attend

Community Listening Events

COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME
Seiling Community Center	October 21st	6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Canton Community Center	October 22nd	6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Geary Community Center	October 23rd	6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Concho Community Center	October 24th	6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

***Community Listening Events** are scheduled to take place throughout the Clinton Service Unit. We invite patients and community members to come and share with our staff your general views of our clinics and the services we provide. A **Free Cooking Demo, Flu Shots, and representative from Contract Health Services,** as well as wellness information will be provided at each event.*

Hamilton/Sankey Campaign Community Meetings-"How Will This Help Our People" All Meetings Begin at 6 p.m.-Meal Served

Wednesday-Oct. 2-Concho Community Ctr.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Community Meetings

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education will begin Community Outreach Meetings in September 2013.

The meetings will be used to provide Education Program information to community members and also engage in dialogue with parents and students on how the Education Department can assist with any educational issues.

Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and address any educational issues they may have.

Other education community meetings will resume in January 2014.

For more information about the meetings or questions contact Sharon Hale at (405) 422-7611.

6 p.m.Wednesday, Oct. 2
Seiling Community Center
6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16
Kingfisher High School Cafeteria
6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20
Geary High School Cafeteria

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Fort Sill Indian School Annual Reunion

Oct. 4-5, 2013 at the Campus Gym in Lawton, Okla. Friday, Oct. 4 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. For more information contact Phyllis Hunter at (405) 247-1558.

Benefit Dance for the Clinton Indian Baptist Church

Oct. 5, 2013 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. followed by dance. For more information contact Gerald Panana at (580) 515-1666.

Annual Tribal Council Meeting of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma

10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information contact Tribal Council Coordinator, Lisa Martin at (405) 422-7430.

Lucky Star Casino presents Martina McBride

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For more information or for tickets visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Junior-Senior College Prep Workshop

11:45 a.m., Oct. 8, 2013 at Weatherford High School in Weatherford, Okla. For more information contact Wanda Whiteman at (405) 422-7560.

Washita Memorial Run

Oct. 12, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Calling all bikers to ride in the memory of men, women and children that dies on Nov. 27, 1868. Ride ends at the Washita Battlefield in Cheyenne, Okla. For more information contact Amos Tallbear at (405) 625-7968, by email at thebrownguy@cox.net or Henry Sleeper at (405) 406-7275, or by email at henrysleeper@yahoo.com.

Lucky Star Casino presents comedian Mike Epps

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For more information or for tickets visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Pryor Wellbriety Powwow

Oct. 19, 2013 at the Mid-American Expo Center in Pryor, Okla. Gourd dancing at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Grand Entry at 6 p.m. Free admission. All drums welcomed to attend. For more information contact Mary Hayes at (918) 698-0583.

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The University of Oklahoma American Indian Institute's Indian Education Summit

Oct. 21-23, 2013 at the NCED Conference Center and Hotel in Norman, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.Aii.ou.edu. For vendor and exhibitor registration contact Ann Barnes at (405) 325-4127.

Bacone Fall Powwow

12 p.m. - 11 p.m., Oct. 26, 2013 at the Muskogee Civic Center, W. Okmulgee and 5th Street in Muskogee, Okla. Contest powwow, all princesses, drums, singers and dancers invited to attend. For vendor information contact Asa Lewis at (918) 360-0057 or email lewisa@bacone.edu. For powwow information contact Connie Falleaf at (918) 687-3299 or by email at falleafc@bacone.edu.

Choctaw Nation Powwow

Nov. 29-30, 2013 at the Choctaw Nation Event Center in Durant, Okla. Dance competitions, arts and crafts vendors and food vendors. For more information visit www.choctaw-casinos.org.

Campaign Meetings for Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell and Connie Yellowman Pot Luck Meal Provided

Oct. 1, 2013
Seiling Community Hall-5:30 p.m.
Canton Community Hall-7:30 p.m.

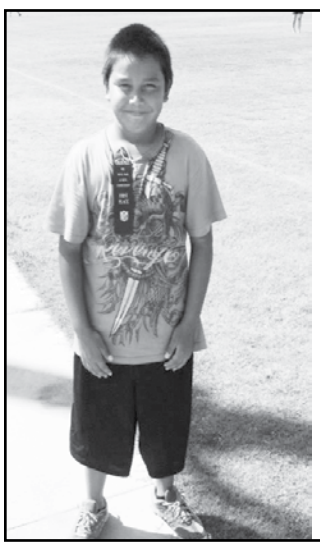
Oct. 2, 2013
Concho Native American Church Building-5:30 p.m.
Geary Community Hall-7:30 p.m.

Oct. 3, 2013
Kingfisher @Snider's Catering-5:30 p.m.
Watonga Multipurpose Bldg-7:30 p.m.

Authentic Native American Art
Pottery Fetishes Jewelry
A Gallery of Nations
Eleanor Lefthand
www.agalleryofnations.com
"Art by Sammy Lee"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Araceli and Marisol Martinez would like to announce the birth of there beautiful baby sister, Adriana Nayeli Martinez who was born Sept. 6, 2013 at 7:57 am in Yukon, Okla. Weighing 8lbs 3oz and 19 1/2 inches long.
Proud Parents are Gracie Hamilton and Silvino Gonzales Martinez of Oklahoma City.
Maternal Grandparents are Francis and Lydia Hamilton of El Reno, Okla.

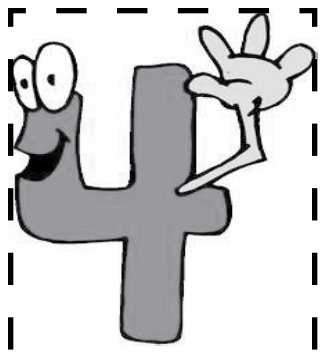


Ivan Trout won first place in the 10 and 11 year olds Kiwanis Club NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition He kicked the longest punt with the most yards. Ivan will advance to sectional competitions in Oklahoma City.
Way to go Ivan!!
We are proud of you!

Happy 26th Birthday
Derek Black aka "Big Derek" aka "D.J.
We are all proud of you and got mad love for you! Stay "ish-pivot" and may Maheo bless you with many more.
Love, mom, dad, your big brother "P" and all your nieces and nephews (The tribe)

Happy Birthday
Koda Paddyaker
Oct. 1
From mom and the whole crew

"Happy 21st Birthday Sidney!" Love, mom



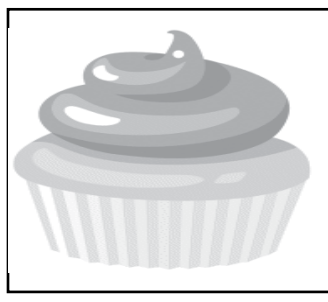
Happy 4th Birthday
to our son Anthony Ray Meely, Jr.
Your such a big blessing to us and your growing up into a handsome young boy.
We love and cherish every minute of your precious life.
Love mom and dad and the rest of your family

Happy Belated Birthday
Rowena "Gaynell" Black
You're the best!
We all love you very much. May Maheo bless you with many more.
From your husband, sons, and all the grand babies.

Happy Birthday to one of the Best mothers out there Hallie Whiteskunk, not only is she a great mom, but she is the best grandma to her one and only grandson. He would like to wish her a Happy Birthday!
Love Cheyenne boy

Happy 8th Anniversary to the love of my life
Mrs. Lena Black
I love you baby, you have been there for me through thick and thin.
Good times and bad times. I just wanted to say thank you and I appreciate you being so good to me and our children. Our babies couldn't have a better mother. We're proving them wrong just like I said we would!
Remember!
Eight years down and the rest of our lives to go!
Love your husband, Preston Black, and the squad, Camilla, Adrian, Violet, Lakylah, Cheyanna and baby Derek

Happy 5th Birthday
to Kellyn BullComing on Sept. 11
Happy 2nd Birthday
to Kingston BullComing on Sept. 15
I love you both very much and looking forward to the years to come with you!!!
Momma will always be here for you, love you my Ks with all my heart!! Mom



Happy 55th Birthday
Robert Todd "Tubby"
Oct. 13
You're an old geezer
From Winona and the whole crew.

Happy 23rd Birthday
Sheena Guardipee
Oct. 21
From momma and the whole crew

Happy 19th Birthday
to my little sister
Jenyssa Carleen White Skunk
Sept. 27
You have grown into a beautiful young lady and I'm so proud to be your big sister!
Love and happiness to you on your special day!
Love your sister, Claressa

Happy Birthday
Louis Whitebird
From the Oklahoma crew

Happy Birthday to my beautiful daughter,
Jeilyn M. Longknife
Oct. 8
Love mommie dearest,
Rick Caneron and Brycie

Louis Longan, 11, competed in the fourth annual Do Wacka Do Trail run in "The Breaks" south of Erick, Okla. on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013.

Louis ran the 25 kilometers (25K), which is approximatley 16 miles, but trail runs are far from flat roads.

In "The Breaks" the heat can reach up to 100 degrees by the time the runners finish the race. The trails were rocky with very steep hills to climb, but the race was well supported with aid stations every 3-4 miles.

Louis's father, John, ran the race as well and had prepared him by running long training runs on the weekends with Louis. He also purchased a camelback hydration pack so that Louis did not have to worry about running out of water.

"I had fun running the race, the runners and volunteers all kept checking on me (guess due to my age) and ensuring I was alright and had water," Louis said. "I enjoyed the event and spending time with my father. It was a long ways to run, but we got it done together. I will probably do it again."

It was Louis's first competitive running event. He was the only runner under the age of 30 and he placed 17 out of 31 runners.

Congratulations Louis.

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes website www.c-a-tribes.org is proudly maintained by the Communications and Information Technology Department. The site contains very useful information about the various tribal programs that offer many valuable services to our tribal members. Are you looking for employment? All of our latest job posting can be viewed from the "Employment Opportunities" link located on the main page. You can also access many other forms and applications by selecting your desired program and downloading the document. We offer this service because we understand your life is very busy and it isn't always easy to make the drive to our Concho Complex. The website also contains some interesting cultural information, important updates and notices, as well as historical photographs and media for your enjoyment. The Webmaster is Trever Jennings. If you have any questions or suggestions about our website, please contact him at tjennings@c-a-tribes.org or by phone at (405) 422-7514.
What the COMIT Department do for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes?
Technical Support
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- Phone Support
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- Email
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- Set up Internet

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes Information Technology program is to provide high quality, secure, reliable, cost-effective communication services to the Tribal Government, Federal Programs, Tribal Enterprises, and Tribal members. The Information Technology program provides a myriad of computing and communication services to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Within these responsibilities are: Coordinating and managing communications systems.

Supporting administrative production and development projects. Identifying and addressing emerging issues and technologies. Facilitating the innovative use of technology. Providing advanced information services and systems. The continuing goals of the Information Technology program is to meet the changing and expanding computing and communication needs of the Tribes and to provide outstanding service to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment:

Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

Teaching Specialist
Language Program
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in education. Experience working with Native population. Academic training, knowledge and experience in foreign language pedagogy, teaching methods, and curricula in primary and secondary education settings. Experience designing and evaluating workshops and other teaching activities for teachers and other adult participants. Academic training, knowledge and experience in online, hybrid and blended educational settings. Experience developing academic curricula, interactive classroom instruction and student learning outcomes for primary and secondary students. Skills to critically assess the form and content of instructional materials for use in a wide variety of education settings and by diverse users. Experience working in close collaboration with skilled staff in the design and implementation of changes in pedagogy and curriculum. Knowledge of academic assessment models and methods sufficient to collaborate with professionals in this area. Organizational and time management skills to establish and pursue priorities and goals consistent with program mission. Ability to work on multiple projects simultaneouslySet and meet deadlines collaboratively and on individual projects. Experience working in an environment that requires interpersonal communication skills to create and maintain professional collaborative working relationshipsAbility to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Ability to travel within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service areas. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Transit Driver II
Tribal Transit Program
El Reno and Surrounding Area
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Have a valid Oklahoma Class D driver's license. Transit drivers must pass a pre-employment drug screening and subject to random drug testing. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds with no physical barriers. Applicant must be able to communicate effectively to patrons and supervisory any findings or incidents. High School diploma or GED. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Arapaho Researcher
Language Program
Closing date: Open until filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in Linguistics, Native American Studies, Anthropology or related field preferred. Experience working with Native population. Academic training, knowledge and experience in Native American languages and cultures. Skills to critically assess the form and content of language materials. Basic computer skills. Ability to learn audio and video recording skills. Organizational and time management skills to establish and pursue priorities and goals consistent with program mission. Set and meet deadlines collaboratively and on individual projects. Experience working in an environment that requires interpersonal communication skills to create and maintain professional working relationships. Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Ability to travel within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service area. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Administrative Officer
Food Distribution,
Watonga, Okla.
Closing date: Until filled

Qualifications:

Twenty-four hours of college coursework minimum. Posses valid State driver's license, furnish copy with application. CDL or CDL eligible-class B. Currently certified or eligible for forklift certification. Training and warehouse work experience; familiar with warehouse and loading & unloading safety practices as well as applicable regulations/policies. Working knowledge and experience using computers. Demonstrate experience and ability to relate and communicate well with Indian and Non-Indian individuals/households. Strong organization, writing and communication skills.

SALARY: Negotiable

Curriculum Specialist
Language Program
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in education. Experience working with Native population. Academic training, knowledge and experience in foreign language pedagogy, teaching methods and curricula in primary and secondary education settings. Academic training, knowledge and experience in online, hybrid and blended educational settings. Experience developing academic curricula, interactive classroom instruction and student learning outcomes for primary and secondary students. Skills to critically assess the form and content of instructional materials for use in a wide variety of education settings and by diverse users. Experience working in close collaboration with skilled staff in the design and implementation of changes in pedagogy and curriculum. Knowledge of academic assessment models and methods sufficient to collaborate with professionals in this area. Organizational and time management skills to establish and pursue priorities and goals consistent with program mission. Ability to work on multiple projects simultaneously. Set and meet deadlines collaboratively and on individual projects. Experience working in an environment that requires interpersonal communication skills to create and maintain professional collaborative working relationships. Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Ability to travel within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service area. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

CLOSING

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 14, 2013 in observance Sovereignty Day. Offices will re-open at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013

Tribal Youth Counselor
(Full Time)
Hammon, OK
Closing date: Oct.5, 2013

Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in Education, Social Work, or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience working with tribal youth, alcohol or drug prevention, substituting one year of experience in teaching for each year of the required education.

Exceptional interpersonal skills: Ability to deal effectively and courteously with participants and or external entities and the ability to exercise good judgment when conducting assessments and communicating results. Experience working with native students within the public school setting. Knowledge of current eclectic learning styles, principles of teaching, Education program policies and regulations, General Education curriculum, and assessment procedures. Exceptional organizational skills: Ability to prepare lesson plans, progress reports, fliers, and other similar or related materials; and the Ability to maintain ongoing documentation regarding services provided (includes participant files and specialized class/workshop/field trips/seminar files). Maintain professionalism and environment conducive to learning. Must possess a basic knowledge of computer skills in word and excel. Must possess a current OK driver's license and have a clean driving record for insurance purposes and must be willing to travel extensively within the Tribes service area. Ability to pass OSBI background check and drug test. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."
Eleanor Roosevelt

Coordinator, Title VI
Elderly Program
Elderly Nutrition Center, Clinton
Closing date: Oct. 19, 2013

Qualifications:

Must a high school graduate or possess a GED Certification. At least two (2) years of basic college related courses. Knowledge and implementation of Older Americans Act Title VI. Part A-Grants for Native Americans. Part C-Native American Care Givers Support Program. Knowledge and implementation of Older Americans Act Section 3.11. Nutrition Services Incentive Program. Experience in the administration of federally funded programs may substitute for education. Must have valid Oklahoma Driver's License and be insurable. Knowledge of the area and the people. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must be at least 55 years of age. Must pass pre-hire drug screen.

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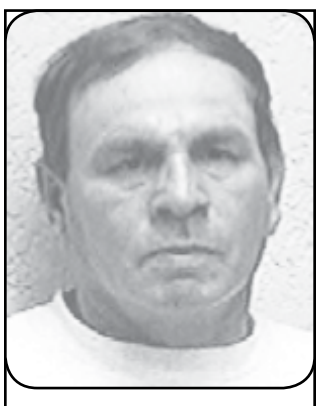

In Loving memory
Jimmy Dean White Shield
March 4, 1950 –
Sept. 12, 2013

A funeral service was held for Jimmy Dean White Shield on Sept. 16, 2013 at the Funeral Smith Home in Anadarko, Okla.

A wake service was held on Sept. 15, 2013 at the All Indian Nations Church in Anadarko, Okla.

Administrative Assistant
Language Program
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Four years of clerical experience or an equivalent of education and experience. High school diploma or GED certification required. Experience working with Native populations. Knowledge of basic data entry. Basic knowledge of spreadsheets. Knowledge of Microsoft Office. Proficient in grammar, both oral and written. Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Able to travel within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service areas. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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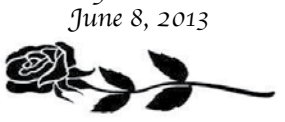
In Loving memory
Norma Lynn Hollis
May 18, 1938 –
June 8, 2013



A graveside service was held Sept. 13, 2013 at the Concho Indian Cemetery.

When God opens his arms to us we make our last journey, we should have friends and family telling us goodbye … unfortunately there are those out here who have no one. Such was the case of one of our tribal members.

Please join us in honoring the wishes of one our tribal members. Norma passed away alone in California. It was her wish to be brought back home, among her people, to be buried with her bird Precious.

So, let us come together and send one of our own home in a good way.

OCTOBER
Darlington School News

		1 Diabetes & Wellness screenings 8:30	2 Diabetes & Wellness screenings 8:30	8th Explorer Test 5/6@Riverside 12:30(BB)	4	5
6	7	8 PK-3rd El Reno Fire Dept. visit (H) 9am	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Picture Day Lights On Afterschool 5:00-7:00p.m.	16 Honor Roll Assembly 8:20	17 Fall Break	18 Fall Break	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 5/6 Sacred Heart (H) 4:30 (BB)	30	31 5/6 Maple Tournament (BB)	1 5/6 Maple Tournament (BB)	2 5/6 Maple Tournament (BB)

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 NUTRITION ED DEMO	10	11	12
13	14 **CLOSED SOVEREIGNTY DAY**	15 **CLINTON #1** Tailgate	16 **SEILING** Tailgate	17 **HAMMON** Tailgate	18	19
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P.O. BOX 102
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CHAUNCY SUTTON, Petitioner,
vs.
DANELLE BURCHETT, Respondent,

Case No: CIV-2013-0097

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **DANELLE BURCHETT**

You are hereby notified that CHAUNCY SUTTON has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, H.R.S., minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 16th day of OCTOBER, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 2013.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

EDWARD RAY GORDON, Petitioner
vs
CARRIE ANN FISHER, Defendant

Case No. CIV-2013-99

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: CARRIE ANN FISHER

You are hereby notified that Edward Ray Gordon has filed in this Court a Petition For Foreign Judgment and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 30TH day of OCTOBER, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2013.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

DELITA STARR, Petitioner,
vs.
RAVEN JOHNSON, Respondent,

Case No: CIV-2013-0100

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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **DANIEL MEELY**

You are hereby notified that DELITA STARR has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, D.J.M, minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 16th day of OCTOBER, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2013.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Roots run deep

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had to stand for twelve in the corrals before being weighed for the Indians. The groups of Indians would inspect the steers and make selections. These would be released and the Indian men would chase them on horseback shooting them with guns, revolvers and arrows. The Indian men then retire from the scene and the Indian women would proceed with butchering.

As my grandmother and mother lived among the Arapaho Indians most of their lives, they were adopted by the Arapaho tribe and in 1897 my folks sent me to school at Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. I stayed at the school for three years.

Hattie and Louie Andersen

At that time Haskell had an enrollment of nearly eight hundred and every tribe in the United States was represented there. The Indians are now scattered over the surrounding country and live on and cultivate their farms, using modern machinery and appliances the same as their white neighbors. They no more have the striking appearance of the slender, straight, erect warriors of the plains. Instead they are now, most of them, stylishly dressed while some of them still cling to their blankets of many colors. A few of them now possess large farms and are prosperous. As they pass, I who have lived among the Arapahos all my life, often wonder whether they are really happier than in the olden days. They now have all they can eat and they come to town usually in a good car and have all the comforts of life.

It is true, that the grass has effectually grown over their warpaths and their battle trails and battlefields have been plowed under."

Hazel said she enjoyed sharing her uncle's interview, which helped her to remember more of growing up in Calumet.

"Well there was seven kids in my family. My sister, Marie cooked, and she was a good cook, Edith she would have to clean up the dishes, and I had to dry the dishes all the time. I would get hateful, because I did not like the job, but they kept me at it anyway," Hazel laughed quietly. "Oh yes … I remember, we lived about two to three miles away from our school. We went to the Old Calumet School. We rode a horse a lot of the times, but we also had a donkey. There was this creek on the way home and when it would rain, my sister would grab up my little brother and put him on the donkey. That donkey would bow down and buck, then my brother would roll off. We thought that was real funny."

Hazel spoke of her love for school.

"I loved school, I just really liked to study and as a result my folks sent me to college. I went to Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, Okla., it is a coed school now," Hazel smiled.

Her husband of 68 years, George Burge sat along side of her at the kitchen table and reminisced with her about Calumet.

"We were both delivered by the same doctor and we went to the same school and after high school George went into the military," Hazel said. "I took a job after college working Boeing."

Hazel gave details about how she and George stayed in contact while many miles away from one another.

"We dated a little while when we were in high school, but when we both graduated high school we went our separate ways. He would write me and I would write him back," Hazel said. "One day I received a letter about him getting injured while he was over seas in the military and it was then I knew I did not want to live without him, I loved him."

George returned home from serving his country in the U.S. Army.

"Once I got home we were married," George laughed. "She kept on working and I went to college to become a geologist. Over the years we both have helped each other earn our master's degrees, she has hers in education and mine in geology, she is the best woman and I am blessed."

Hazel looked over at George with a sparkle in her eye and said, "Oh, I would not change anything, we have lived great lives and still are living a great life together. God has been very good to us."

George and Hazel Burge

Hazel and George reside in Topeka, Kansas and have raised three children, twin sons, Warren and Wayne and their daughter, Nancy. They have 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren with a new one on the way.

In closing, Hazel shared one more bit of history about the town she was born in, Calumet, Okla. According to a document entitled "History of the Town of Calumet" by Horace B. Pritner, as told by Rev. Edger Sielert she read, "*The story as told by Mr. Pritner is that a lady ran the old post office by the name of Mrs. Cowdrey. The lady was a habitual pipe smoker. The Indians of the community called it peace pipe, or calumet, the Indians term for peace pipe. The name Calumet was chosen from this bit of Indian expression. A petition was circulated and signed and the official name was given to the town. The post office was moved to town under this name and was located on one corner of a small grocery store in the Shirks addition. Thus was a new town born in the raw territory of the Cheyenne and Arapaho territory.*"

Tucker Blythe named superintendent of Washita National Historic site

Tucker Blythe, a 16-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS), has been named the new superintendent of Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne, Okla., according to Laura Joss, Acting Intermountain Regional Director. Blythe will assume his new position at Washita Battlefield on Oct. 6, 2013.

Blythe is currently serving as supervisory park ranger at the Oklahoma City National Memorial. He is no stranger to Cheyenne, Okla., having served as acting superintendent at Washita Battlefield from March through July 2013.

"Tucker brings to his new assignment a passion for heritage preservation and protection, and a strong commitment to form partnerships with the people of Cheyenne and surrounding communities," Joss said. "He has been directly and personally involved in the management, interpretation and challenges of this important site and will continue to effectively care for, and administer this historic place."

Blythe started his NPS career as a seasonal interpretive park ranger at Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial in Virginia. His NPS assignments have included administrative clerk at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia from 1989-1990, historian at the Park Historic Architecture Division in Washington, D.C. from 1990-1994, interpretive park ranger and interpretive specialist at the Natchez Trace Parkway in Mississippi from 1994-1997, chief of interpretation at Frederick Law Olmsted and John F. Kennedy National Historic Sites in Massachusetts from 1997-1998, and park ranger/supervisory park ranger at the Oklahoma City National Memorial, 2008-2013.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as superintendent at Washita Battlefield. It is a dream-come true for me to play a part in the NPS mission in this role. I look forward to working with park staff, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, the community of Cheyenne, and the park's other partners to tell this important story and to preserve this sacred site." Blythe said.

From 1998 to 2003, Blythe spent time in the private sector as the co-owner and operator of a State Farm Insurance agency in Kansas. He currently serves as a part-time adjunct professor in the Mass Communication Department at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma, teaching Public Speaking.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., Blythe has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Historic Preservation from Mary Washington College (now Mary Washington University) in Fredericksburg, VA and earned a Master of Arts degree in Communication from Wichita State University. He is also a 2012 graduate of the Generating Organizational Advancement and Leadership Academy (GOAL).

Blythe will be joined in his move to western Oklahoma by his wife, Sandy, their black Labrador, and cat.

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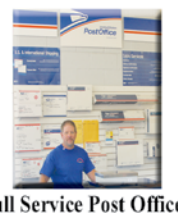

WASHITA MEMORIAL RUN
OCT. 12, 2013

Honoring the Men, Women, and Children that died on Nov. 27, 1868.
We will ride in their memory.
Calling all Biker's
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Run starts at Lucky Star Casino Concho, OK
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Contact Information
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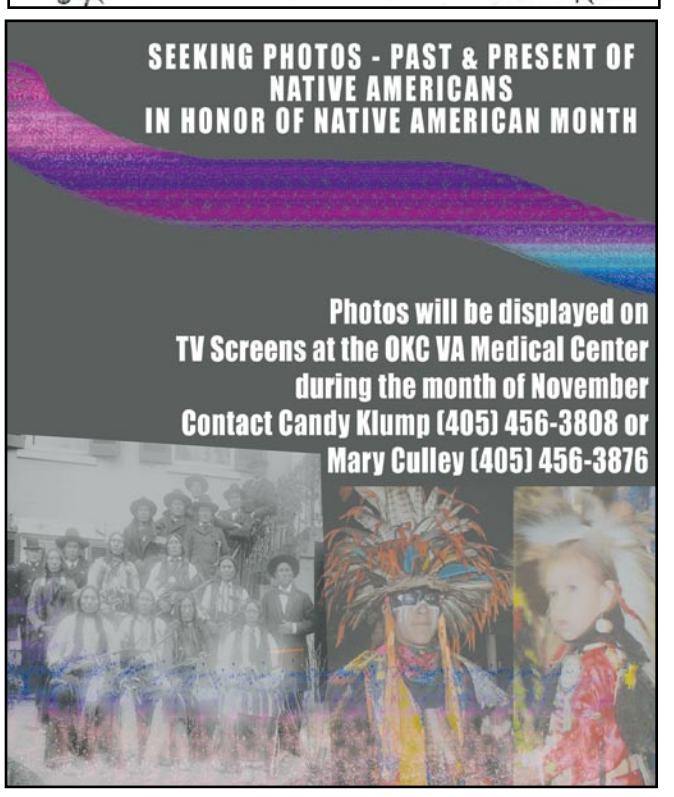
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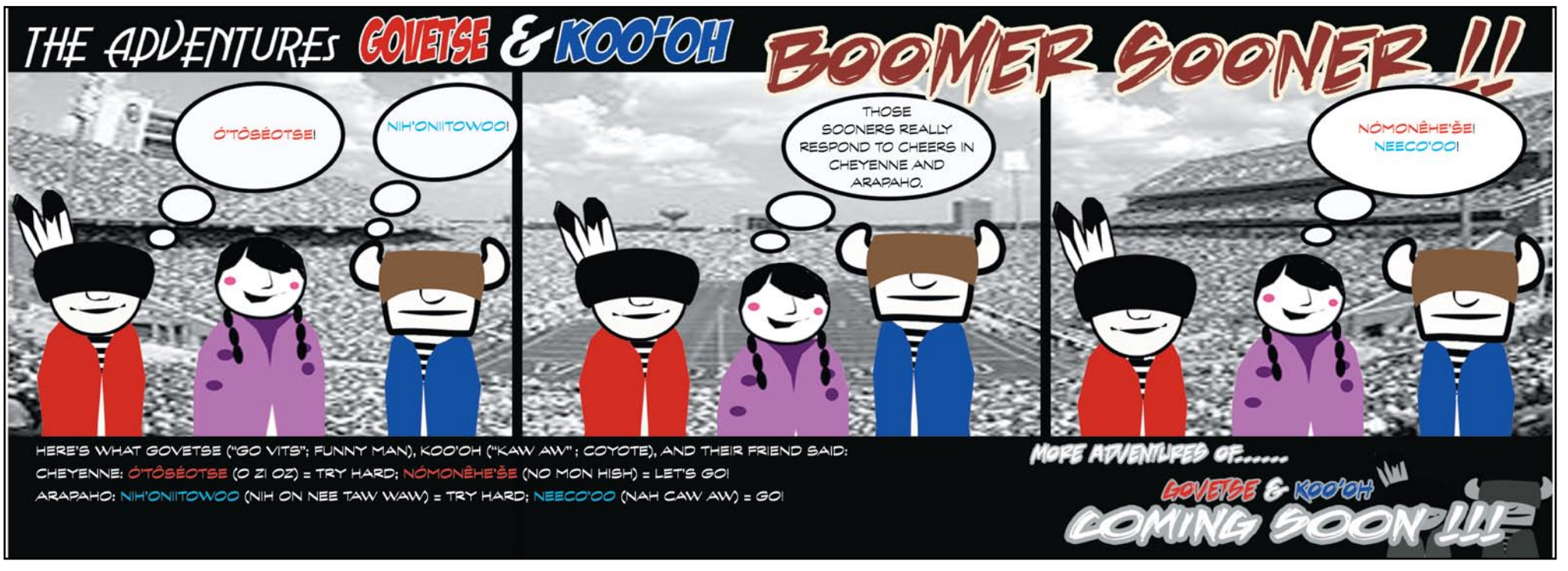
THE ADVENTURES GOVETSE & KOO'OH
BOOMER SOONER !!
Ó'TÔSÉOTSE!
NIH'ONIITOWOO!
THOSE SOONERS REALLY RESPOND TO CHEERS IN CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO.
NÓMONÊHE'ŠE!
NEECO'OO!
HERE'S WHAT GOVETSE ("GO VITS"; FUNNY MAN), KOO'OH ("KAW AW"; COYOTE), AND THEIR FRIEND SAID:
CHEYENNE: Ó'TÔSÉOTSE (O ZI OZ) = TRY HARD; NÓMONÊHE'ŠE (NO MON HISH) = LET'S GO!
ARAPAHO: NIH'ONIITOWOO (NIH ON NEE TAW WAW) = TRY HARD; NEECO'OO (NAH CAW AW) = GO!
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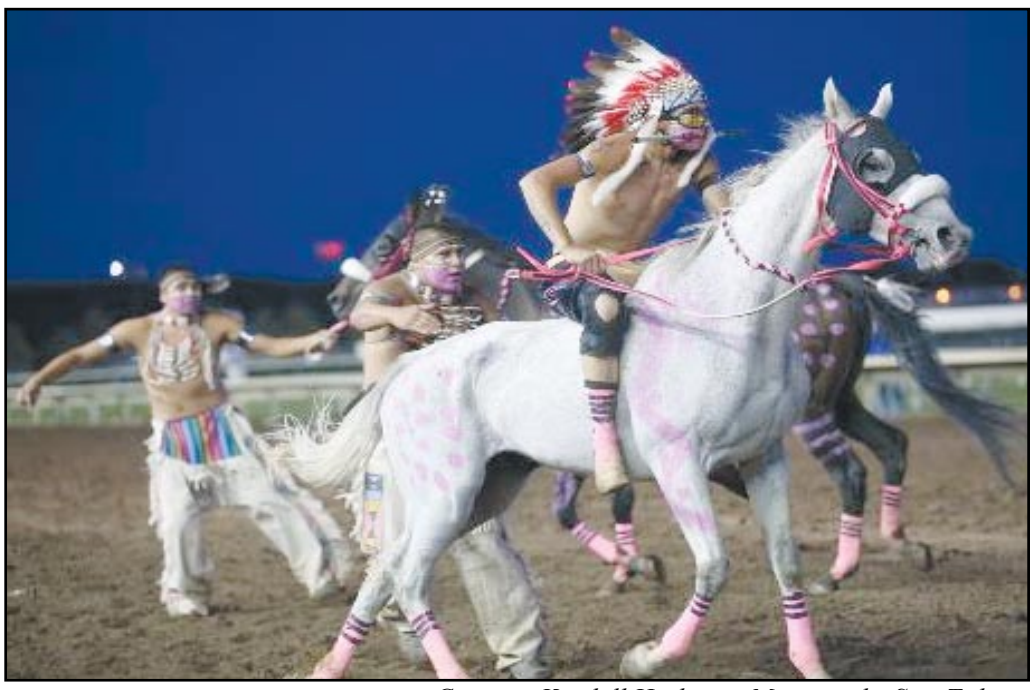
Bareback jockeys shock and awe at first Indian horse relays

Indian Country Today Media Network



Courtesy Kyndall Harkness, Minneapolis Star Tribune

Rider Raul Gary Nomee takes the last lap during the first heat of the Indian Horse Relay.

Ride bareback for a quarter-mile (after traveling close to Kentucky-Derby-like speeds); jump off of the first horse, and then, jump on to a second horse. Take the quarter-mile lap again on the second horse, and then, jump off the second horse to mount a third. Then, after finishing the third quarter mile, do it all again for the fourth time. This is what Native jockeys did at Canterbury Park's first presentation of the Indian Horse Relays.

Indian horse relay racing dates back hundreds of years, to the Great Plains tribes. The sport developed after horses were introduced to the continent by Europeans. Dressed in tribal regalia, with their faces and bodies painted in bright tribal colors, the Native riders tackled daredevil-like moves in front of spectators during the horse races in Shakopee, Minnesota. "It's cool. It's entertaining," said jockey Nik Goodwin, to CanterburyLive.com. Goodwin is an Ojibwe from Bemidji. "It's nuts, it's crazy. I love it," said onlooker Patrice Trimble.

Nine of the top teams from across the U.S., all from different tribes, competed in the event, according to the Minneapolis StarTribune. Each team consisted of three horses and four warriors: one rider, one holder, one set-up man and a horse catcher. The teams competed in two heats per night. A group of Crow singers sang an ancient tribute to the riders before each race.

Josh Osborn, a member of the Sho-Ban Nation, won the first heat of the night, but failed to take the second heat. That was claimed by Ferlin Blacksmith. Blacksmith, a member of the Crow in Montana, was encouraged to ride by his cousins. He is competing for the first time in this event, but has previous experience in another arena.

"I rode bulls until I was 18," he told CanterburyLive.com. "Yes, that helps some."

"This was really cool," Scott Stevens told CanterburyLive.com. "I was impressed at how fit the horses were, too."

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Anthony Stafford -1985 National Champs Running back

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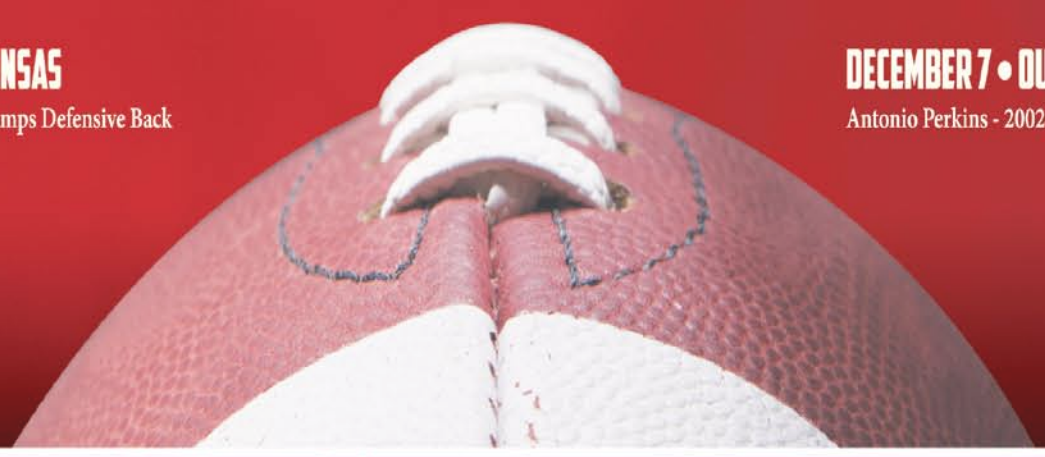
Antonio Perkins - 2002 National Champs Running back



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